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TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION OCTOBER 1988 AUSTIN, TX 78778

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NEW FORMAT FOR TEXAS LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Beginning with this issue, readers will note a change in the general format of the Texas Labor Market Review. This is due to the transfer of this document to a desktop publishing computer. We hope these changes will benefit users - we invite your comments concerning these alterations.

UNEMPLOYMENT RISES MODERATELY

The Texas actual unemployment rate rose slightly over the month, from 6.7% in August to 7.1% in mid-September. The number of jobless Texans rose by 26,500 in September, totaling 594,400 in mid-September. Compared to the year-ago rate of 8.5%, however, the current rate was still considerably lower. Total employment declined over the month but was still well above the September 1987 level, at 7,793,200. Total agricultural employment was estimated at 183,400 in mid-September, according to the Current Population Survey. The chart on Page 3 **(Chart 1)** shows the gradual but steady decline in unemployment rates for the State in the past 24 months in both the actual and seasonally adjusted series.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the State inched upward over the month, from 6.8% to 7.0% in September 1988. The current rate in this series was also well below the year-ago rate of 8.4%. Rates for the U. S. in both the actual and seasonally adjusted series declined very slightly over the month. The actual rate for the Nation slid from 5.4% in August to 5.2% in September, and the seasonally adjusted rate inched downward from 5.6% to 5.4%.

NONFARM JOBS TOTAL RISES SEASONALLY

Hiring for the fall semester in state and local schools provided the primary impetus for an increase of 28,100 nonfarm salaried jobs between August and September. Only two major industry sectors other than Government recorded growth over the month, and both of those showed minor gains. All other major industry sectors recorded moderate-to-sizeable decreases.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Sep. '88	Aug.'88	Sep.'87
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	121,842.0	123,396.0	119,884.0
Unemployment	6,368.0	6,659.0	6,857.0
Percent Unemployed	5.2%	5.4%	5.7%
Total Employment	115,474.0	116,737.0	113,027.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	121,924.0	122,031.0	119,963.0
Unemployment	6,596.0	6,851.0	7,091.0
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	5.6%	5.9%
Total Employment	115,328.0	115,180.0	112,872.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,387.6	8,469.3	8,273.2
Unemployment	594.4	567.9	704.0
Percent Unemployed	7.1%	6.7%	8.5%
Total Employment	7,793.2	7,901.4	7,569.2
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,354.0	8,381.0	8,254.0
Unemployment	586.0	567.0	695.0
Percent Unemployed	7.0%	6.8%	8.4%
Total Employment	7,768.0	7,814.0	7,559.0

Government increased by almost 37,000 jobs over the month, with the largest portion of the new hires in local schools and colleges. Local Government rose by 27,100 in September, and State Government gained 10,000 jobs primarily in the educational sector. Federal Government declined very slightly between August and September, as summer workers were released.

The other sector which benefitted from the staffing of schools for the fall semester was Educational Services, which rose by 7,200 as jobs were added in private schools and

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ✚
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Industry	SEP.'88*	AUG.'88**	SEP.'87**	SEP.'88*	AUG.'88**	SEP.'87**	SEP.'88*	AUG.'88**	SEP.'87**	SEP.'88*	AUG.'88**	SEP.'87**
		ABILENE			**AMARILLO**			**AUSTIN**			**BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR**	
TOTAL	**50,300**	**49,300**	**48,700**	**77,800**	**76,900**	**76,100**	**350,400**	**339,900**	**353,800**	**129,000**	**128,500**	**129,000**
Manufacturing	4,800	4,800	4,800	9,400	9,500	9,900	40,000	40,000	39,700	25,100	25,400	24,800
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,100	1,200	1,200	1,300	700	700	800	1,500	1,500	1,500
Construction	2,200	2,400	2,000	3,900	4,000	3,900	15,400	15,700	18,700	8,300	8,300	7,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,400	2,400	2,400	5,800	5,700	5,800	10,700	10,600	10,800	9,800	9,800	9,900
Trade	13,800	13,900	13,400	23,400	23,300	22,700	77,300	76,800	79,600	31,200	31,400	32,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,700	4,300	4,300	4,300	24,600	24,700	25,000	5,300	5,300	5,300
Services & Misc.	13,400	12,700	13,200	16,800	16,700	16,300	83,600	83,100	84,800	27,700	28,000	28,000
Government	9,100	8,500	8,300	13,000	12,200	13,900	98,100	88,300	96,400	20,100	18,800	20,000
		BRAZORIA			**BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN**			**BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION**			**CORPUS CHRISTI**	
TOTAL	**58,200**	**57,900**	**56,700**	**66,700**	**66,800**	**66,500**	**48,000**	**46,200**	**46,200**	**126,200**	**123,800**	**124,000**
Manufacturing	16,600	15,700	15,400	10,300	10,500	10,300	3,100	3,100	3,000	11,400	11,400	11,400
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,800	–	–	–	700	600	700	4,200	4,100	4,000
Construction	6,900	6,700	5,600	2,100	2,200	2,100	2,200	2,200	2,100	6,200	6,500	6,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,200	3,300	3,200	1,600	1,600	1,600	6,800	6,900	7,000
Trade	10,800	11,100	11,100	17,800	17,800	17,700	9,700	9,600	9,600	32,400	32,500	31,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	2,000	2,100	3,500	3,500	3,500	1,800	1,800	1,800	7,000	7,000	6,900
Services & Misc.	8,200	8,100	7,700	14,100	15,100	13,800	8,700	8,500	8,300	29,700	29,100	28,800
Government	10,900	10,400	10,700	15,900	14,400	15,900	20,400	19,000	19,100	28,500	26,300	27,900
		DALLAS ***			**EL PASO**			**FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON**			**GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY**	
TOTAL	**1,335.4**	**1,330.6**	**1,334.2**	**191,100**	**187,600**	**187,500**	**517,500**	**514,000**	**519,600**	**71,500**	**71,700**	**71,600**
Manufacturing	222.5	222.3	221.6	39,200	38,900	38,300	118,800	119,100	116,600	8,400	8,400	8,800
Mining	18.1	18.3	18.5	–	–	–	3,600	3,600	3,600	500	600	800
Construction	48.4	50.0	61.6	9,200	9,300	9,900	19,300	19,500	24,500	2,900	2,800	3,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	93.4	93.0	89.8	10,900	10,900	10,400	31,200	31,300	30,300	4,600	4,400	5,200
Trade	351.5	352.5	345.6	47,600	47,000	46,400	133,000	132,700	137,900	14,700	15,100	14,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	127.4	128.4	132.7	9,100	9,300	9,500	28,700	28,800	28,100	4,100	4,100	4,100
Services & Misc.	323.2	321.9	316.2	36,900	36,500	35,000	116,600	116,900	112,300	14,900	15,200	14,000
Government	150.9	144.4	148.2	38,200	35,700	38,000	68,300	64,100	66,300	21,500	21,100	21,000
		HOUSTON ***			**KILLEEN-TEMPLE**			**LAREDO**			**LONGVIEW-MARSHALL**	
TOTAL	**1,421.0**	**1,417.0**	**1,386.9**	**71,200**	**70,900**	**69,600**	**37,500**	**36,900**	**35,300**	**65,900**	**65,400**	**64,300**
Manufacturing	152.4	152.0	147.2	8,300	8,400	7,900	1,700	1,700	1,800	15,800	15,900	15,800
Mining	64.2	64.4	62.9	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,600	3,600	3,600
Construction	85.5	87.5	84.7	3,600	3,600	3,600	1,200	1,300	1,200	3,300	3,400	2,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	99.5	100.0	98.2	2,800	2,800	2,700	5,000	5,000	4,500	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	357.8	359.6	349.1	16,500	16,600	16,200	10,800	10,800	10,200	17,100	17,100	16,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	98.1	98.1	100.3	2,900	2,900	3,000	1,800	1,700	1,800	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	375.3	375.2	360.3	15,800	15,600	15,100	6,100	6,100	5,800	11,900	11,500	11,600
Government	188.4	180.2	184.2	21,200	20,900	21,000	9,200	8,400	8,200	8,400	8,100	8,300
		LUBBOCK			**MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION**			**MIDLAND**			**ODESSA**	
TOTAL	**94,100**	**92,800**	**92,000**	**87,800**	**86,200**	**87,400**	**44,700**	**44,300**	**43,500**	**43,200**	**42,700**	**42,400**
Manufacturing	7,600	7,600	7,200	11,000	11,200	11,400	2,800	2,800	2,900	3,700	3,800	3,700
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	900	9,600	9,700	9,700	5,800	5,800	6,100
Construction	3,600	3,600	3,400	4,100	4,100	3,800	1,200	1,200	1,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,100	5,100	4,700	2,700	2,700	2,800	2,200	2,200	2,000	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	28,000	27,600	27,200	26,400	26,100	25,300	10,400	10,500	10,300	12,800	12,900	12,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,500	5,400	3,800	3,800	3,800	2,500	2,500	2,500	1,700	1,700	1,600
Services & Misc.	22,800	22,800	21,800	14,100	14,000	14,400	8,800	8,800	8,600	7,300	7,400	7,000
Government	21,200	20,200	21,900	24,800	23,400	25,000	7,200	6,600	6,200	7,700	6,900	7,500
		SAN ANGELO			**SAN ANTONIO**			**SHERMAN-DENISON**			**TEXARKANA**	
TOTAL	**36,300**	**35,900**	**36,000**	**512,000**	**504,300**	**501,700**	**37,800**	**38,000**	**37,900**	**45,100**	**44,400**	**45,500**
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,700	47,000	46,300	46,700	11,100	11,300	11,000	7,300	7,200	7,500
Mining	400	400	400	2,500	2,500	2,500	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,500	1,500	1,500	25,300	26,300	30,200	1,800	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,700	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,100	17,800	18,100	18,300	1,900	2,000	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,800
Trade	9,500	9,400	9,300	135,600	135,200	130,600	8,400	8,400	8,400	10,800	10,800	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	40,500	41,000	39,800	1,700	1,800	1,700	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	7,900	8,000	7,800	126,700	126,100	119,900	8,700	8,500	8,700	9,500	9,600	9,300
Government	6,700	6,300	6,400	116,600	108,800	113,700	4,100	4,100	4,300	11,900	11,200	12,300
		TYLER			**VICTORIA**			**WACO**			**WICHITA FALLS**	
TOTAL	**61,300**	**61,200**	**61,000**	**27,600**	**27,100**	**27,300**	**78,700**	**76,800**	**78,100**	**51,400**	**50,500**	**50,300**
Manufacturing	10,300	10,400	10,700	2,900	3,000	3,000	14,900	15,000	15,100	8,300	8,300	8,500
Mining	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,400	1,400	1,800	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	1,900
Construction	2,300	2,400	2,200	1,700	1,800	1,700	3,900	3,900	3,500	2,200	2,200	1,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,800	1,600	1,600	1,400	3,300	3,300	3,300	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	16,800	16,800	16,500	8,000	7,700	7,900	19,100	19,100	19,000	12,200	12,100	12,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,700	3,600	3,700	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,700	4,700	4,600	2,400	2,400	2,300
Services & Misc.	14,800	14,800	14,500	5,900	5,600	5,700	20,500	19,700	20,200	11,600	11,500	11,500
Government	8,900	8,700	8,800	4,600	4,400	4,500	12,200	11,000	12,300	10,200	9,500	9,500

✚ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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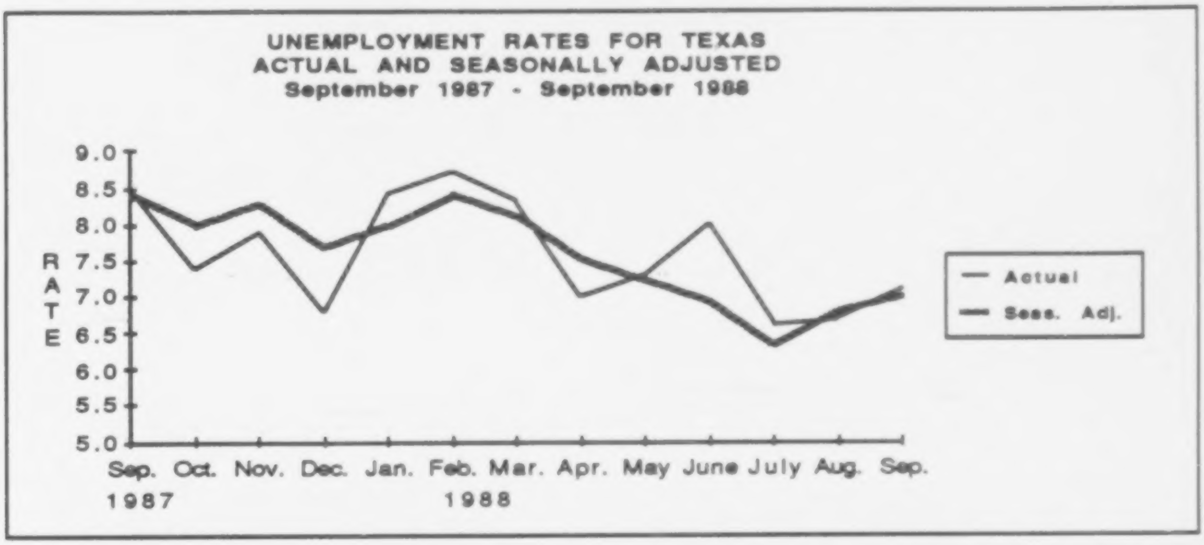
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FOR TEXAS
ACTUAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
September 1987 - September 1988

colleges over the month. The only other sector of Services which had a substantial increase in September was Business and Repair Services, where a large gain was reported in personnel supply service agencies which supply temporary workers to businesses. This industry has been expanding fairly rapidly in the last few years, as many employers prefer to use temporary employees for whom they need not pay as many benefits as they might for regular workers.

Partially nullifying these gains in Services was a seasonal decline of 3,500 in Amusement, including Motion Pictures, as many amusement parks began reducing hours or closing for the fall. Seasonal decreases also adversely affected Hotels and Other Lodging Places, which lost 1,500 jobs over the month as the tourist season ended. These drops left Services as a whole up only 3,200 despite the large gain in the educational sector.

Services has been the best source of new jobs during the past 12 months, contributing more than two-thirds of the total job growth during the past year. Health Services and Business and Repair Services are the two sectors which have generated the largest number of positions during this period.

The only other Nonmanufacturing sector which recorded employment increases in September was Transportation and Public Utilities, which gained 700 jobs. The primary gains were in Transportation, except Railroads, which rose by 1,100 over the month. This growth was partially offset by a small decline in Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services, while Communications was unchanged.

The largest downturn in September occurred in Construction, which lost 7,000 jobs over the month, as summer workers were released. This sector remained 25,700 below its year-ago level and had lost over 110,000 jobs since its peak in March 1986.

Despite a healthy increase of 1,900 in General Merchandise Stores, both the Retail and Wholesale sectors of Trade deleted jobs in September. An estimated 1,600 positions were cut in Wholesale Trade over the month. Within the Retail segment, the largest decrease was in Eating and Drinking Places, which dropped 1,300 jobs in September. Smaller losses were fairly widespread through the other Retail sectors. Trade as a whole declined by 2,300 jobs over the month.

Mining continued a downturn which began in July, with an additional 1,900 cutbacks reported in September. Almost all of the drop was concentrated in Oil and Gas Extraction.

All sectors of Finance, Insurance and Real Estate recorded losses over the month, pulling the total for this industry group down by 1,800. The failure and/or merging of several savings and loan associations helped push employment down in the Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate sector. Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers also cut workers in September, and a smaller decrease occurred in Banking.

Although Manufacturing gained only 300 jobs over the month, the factory sector had produced 12,300 jobs over the past year. The current employment level was the highest for Manufacturing since June 1986.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Sep. '88*	Aug. '88**	Sep. '87**	Chg. from Aug. '88	Chg. from Sep. '87
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,608,500**	**6,580,400**	**6,517,500**	**28,100**	**91,000**
MANUFACTURING	**951,200**	**950,900**	**938,900**	**300**	**12,300**
Durable Goods	**547,400**	**547,500**	**536,600**	**-100**	**10,800**
Lumber & Wood Products	34,400	34,400	33,900	0	500
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,500	6,500	6,500	0	0
Furniture & Fixtures	16,400	16,400	17,000	0	-600
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	42,800	43,200	43,800	-400	-1,000
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	17,700	17,900	19,300	-200	-1,600
Primary Metal Industries	28,700	28,700	27,400	0	1,300
Fabricated Metal Industries	76,700	76,300	72,400	400	4,300
Fabr. Structuctural Metal Prod.	36,300	35,900	35,100	400	1,200
Machinery, exc. Electrical	101,300	101,300	99,900	0	1,400
Oil Field Machinery	22,700	22,800	21,700	-100	1,000
Electric & Electronic Equipment	118,000	118,100	116,200	-100	1,800
Transportation Equipment	93,600	93,800	91,700	-200	1,900
Aircraft & Parts	54,700	54,700	52,000	0	2,700
Instruments & Related Prod.	21,900	21,700	21,400	200	500
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	13,600	13,600	12,900	0	700
Nondurable Goods	**403,800**	**403,400**	**402,300**	**400**	**1,500**
Food & Kindred Products	97,600	96,900	99,100	700	-1,500
Meat Products	28,200	28,600	29,300	-400	-1,100
Dairy Products	4,600	4,700	4,700	-100	-100
Bakery Products	10,200	10,200	10,200	0	0
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,000	3,200	0	-200
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,000	4,200	0	-200
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	54,200	54,500	53,800	-300	400
Paper & Allied Products	26,500	26,300	24,000	200	2,500
Printing & Publishing	73,900	73,700	72,700	200	1,200
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,500	35,500	36,100	0	-600
Chemicals & Allied Products	74,400	74,900	75,100	-500	-700
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,200	31,500	32,500	-300	-1,300
Petroleum Refining	27,800	28,100	29,300	-300	-1,500
Leather & Leather Products	8,400	8,400	7,600	0	800
Other Nondurable Goods	33,600	33,200	33,300	400	300
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,657,300**	**5,629,500**	**5,578,600**	**27,800**	**78,700**
Mining	**179,600**	**181,500**	**181,900**	**-1,900**	**-2,300**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,400	9,500	9,900	-100	-500
Oil & Gas Extraction	170,200	172,000	172,000	-1,800	-1,800
Construction	**320,900**	**327,900**	**346,600**	**-7,000**	**-25,700**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**394,400**	**393,700**	**388,000**	**700**	**6,400**
Railroad Transportation	20,500	20,500	21,600	0	-1,100
Transportation, exc. Railroads	213,700	212,600	206,000	1,100	7,700
Transportation by Air	63,400	62,900	57,400	500	6,000
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	84,300	84,300	84,500	0	-200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,900	76,300	75,900	-400	0
Electric Services	40,900	41,200	41,500	-300	-600
Gas Production & Distribution	27,700	27,800	27,100	-100	600
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,664,700**	**1,667,000**	**1,643,300**	**-2,300**	**21,400**
Wholesale Trade	409,800	411,400	407,100	-1,600	2,700
Retail Trade	1,254,900	1,255,600	1,236,200	-700	18,700
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,200	44,900	45,500	-700	-1,300
General Merchandise Stores	169,100	167,200	164,600	1,900	4,500
Food Stores	228,700	228,800	226,900	-100	1,800
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	134,900	135,300	133,900	-400	1,000
Apparel & Accessory Stores	78,400	78,700	79,600	-300	-1,200
Eating & Drinking Places	415,000	416,300	401,400	-1,300	13,600
Other Retail Trade	184,600	184,400	184,300	200	300
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**441,100**	**442,900**	**441,300**	**-1,800**	**-200**
Banking	98,600	99,000	97,300	-400	1,300
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	138,500	139,200	138,200	-700	300
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	204,000	204,700	205,800	-700	-1,800
Services	**1,504,100**	**1,500,900**	**1,441,300**	**3,200**	**62,800**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	81,400	82,900	82,300	-1,500	-900
Personal Services	84,500	83,800	82,600	700	1,900
Business & Repair Services	420,800	418,700	400,600	2,100	20,200
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	57,600	61,100	55,000	-3,500	2,600
Health Services	413,000	413,300	389,100	-300	23,900
Educational Services	75,500	68,300	78,500	7,200	-3,000
Other Services & Miscellaneous	371,300	372,800	353,200	-1,500	18,100
Total Government	**1,152,500**	**1,115,600**	**1,136,200**	**36,900**	**16,300**
Federal Government	192,000	192,200	194,600	-200	-2,600
State Government	242,300	232,300	229,600	10,000	12,700
Local Government	718,200	691,100	712,000	27,100	6,200

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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		ABILENE			**AMARILLO**			**AUSTIN**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,500	55,200	54,100	102,200	103,000	101,600	430,700	427,700	428,800
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,100	4,400	6,000	5,500	6,700	25,100	24,700	28,900
Percent Unemployed	5.8%	5.6%	8.1%	5.9%	5.3%	6.6%	5.8%	5.8%	6.7%
Total Employment ++	52,300	52,100	49,700	96,200	97,500	94,900	405,600	403,000	399,900
		BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			**BRAZORIA**			**BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	161,900	163,000	162,300	83,300	83,900	81,400	97,300	100,700	96,900
Total Unemployment	16,300	15,500	19,800	6,400	6,200	8,100	12,100	12,500	13,800
Percent Unemployed	10.1%	9.5%	12.2%	7.7%	7.4%	10.0%	12.4%	12.4%	14.2%
Total Employment ++	145,600	147,500	142,500	76,900	77,700	73,300	85,200	88,200	83,100
		BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			**CORPUS CHRISTI**			**DALLAS*****	
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,900	57,400	55,700	161,600	162,200	160,700	1,471.8	1,493.2	1,457.0
Total Unemployment	2,500	2,400	3,100	14,400	13,800	19,100	83.6	80.5	97.8
Percent Unemployed	4.3%	4.2%	5.6%	8.9%	8.5%	11.9%	5.7%	5.4%	6.7%
Total Employment ++	55,400	55,000	52,600	147,200	148,400	141,600	1,388.2	1,412.7	1,359.2
		EL PASO			**FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON**			**GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	245,900	242,500	236,800	685,400	693,800	680,700	109,600	112,500	110,500
Total Unemployment	27,400	24,300	26,900	42,100	40,500	47,100	9,200	9,100	12,000
Percent Unemployed	11.1%	10.0%	11.4%	6.1%	5.8%	6.9%	8.4%	8.1%	10.9%
Total Employment ++	218,500	218,200	209,900	643,300	653,300	633,600	100,400	103,400	98,500
		HOUSTON***			**KILLEEN-TEMPLE**			**LAREDO**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,634.4	1,658.4	1,610.3	97,200	98,600	94,000	47,100	46,800	45,100
Total Unemployment	107.3	103.5	145.2	7,500	7,200	8,200	5,700	5,200	6,500
Percent Unemployed	6.6%	6.2%	9.0%	7.7%	7.3%	8.7%	12.1%	11.1%	14.4%
Total Employment ++	1,527.1	1,554.9	1,465.1	89,700	91,400	85,800	41,400	41,600	38,600
		LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			**LUBBOCK**			**MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,400	80,900	79,500	116,200	117,200	113,400	146,100	143,400	143,600
Total Unemployment	6,700	6,200	8,400	5,800	6,000	7,200	26,300	23,100	27,200
Percent Unemployed	8.3%	7.7%	10.6%	5.0%	5.1%	6.3%	18.0%	16.1%	18.9%
Total Employment ++	73,700	74,700	71,100	110,400	111,200	106,200	119,800	120,300	116,400
		MIDLAND			**ODESSA**			**SAN ANGELO**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,300	50,700	50,000	54,100	54,300	53,600	46,100	46,400	45,000
Total Unemployment	2,800	2,600	4,300	4,100	3,800	5,300	2,800	2,700	2,800
Percent Unemployed	5.6%	5.1%	8.6%	7.6%	7.0%	9.9%	6.1%	5.8%	6.2%
Total Employment ++	47,500	48,100	45,700	50,000	50,500	48,300	43,300	43,700	42,200
		SAN ANTONIO			**SHERMAN-DENISON**			**TEXARKANA**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	632,000	634,700	610,000	50,400	51,000	49,400	58,100	58,700	57,700
Total Unemployment	49,200	47,000	49,900	3,500	3,000	4,000	4,500	4,600	4,600
Percent Unemployed	7.8%	7.4%	8.2%	6.9%	5.9%	8.1%	7.7%	7.8%	8.0%
Total Employment ++	582,800	587,700	560,100	46,900	48,000	45,400	53,600	54,100	53,100
		TYLER			**VICTORIA**			**WACO**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,800	78,200	76,900	37,100	37,500	37,200	94,300	94,000	93,300
Total Unemployment	5,700	5,500	6,900	2,500	2,400	3,300	6,100	6,100	7,700
Percent Unemployed	7.4%	7.0%	9.0%	6.7%	6.4%	8.9%	6.5%	6.5%	8.3%
Total Employment ++	71,100	72,700	70,000	34,600	35,100	33,900	88,200	87,900	85,600
		WICHITA FALLS						**STATE OF TEXAS*****	
Total Civilian Labor Force	58,800	58,900	57,600				8,387.6	8,469.3	8,273.2
Total Unemployment	3,600	3,200	4,500				594.4	567.9	704.0
Percent Unemployed	6.1%	5.4%	7.8%				7.1%	6.7%	8.5%
Total Employment ++	55,200	55,700	53,100				7,793.2	7,901.4	7,569.2

✦ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

* Preliminary – subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✚

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Sep.'88*	Aug.'88	Sep.'87	Sep.'88*	Aug.'88	Sep.'87	Sep.'88*	Aug.'88	Sep.'87
				FOR TEXAS					
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$417.42	$416.75	$412.51	41.7	41.8	41.5	$10.01	$9.97	$9.94
Durable Goods	415.80	413.55	402.68	42.0	41.9	41.3	9.90	9.87	9.75
Lumber & Wood Products	303.17	291.01	286.94	42.7	40.7	40.3	7.10	7.15	7.12
Furniture & Fixtures	275.00	275.94	259.11	40.5	42.0	39.2	6.79	6.57	6.61
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	387.24	392.70	394.74	42.0	42.5	43.0	9.22	9.24	9.18
Primary Metal Industries	448.28	449.78	430.61	41.7	43.0	40.7	10.75	10.46	10.58
Fabricated Metal Products	388.20	393.64	376.33	42.8	43.4	41.4	9.07	9.07	9.09
Machinery, exc. Electric	421.60	424.58	411.18	42.5	42.5	42.0	9.92	9.99	9.79
Oil Field Machinery	444.36	484.85	486.17	42.0	44.4	43.1	10.58	10.92	11.28
Electric & Electronic Equip.	447.02	438.21	433.61	41.2	40.5	40.6	10.85	10.82	10.68
Transportation Equipment	559.87	550.83	526.23	43.1	42.7	42.2	12.99	12.90	12.47
Instruments & Related Prod.	360.60	360.25	353.36	38.9	39.2	40.2	9.27	9.19	8.79
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	265.83	257.37	271.99	37.6	37.3	38.8	7.07	6.90	7.01
Nondurable Goods	419.20	420.34	424.69	41.3	41.7	41.6	10.15	10.08	10.16
Food & Kindred Products	348.01	348.82	347.49	42.7	42.8	42.9	8.15	8.15	8.1
Meat Products	257.00	264.78	275.62	42.2	42.5	43.2	6.09	6.23	6.38
Malt Beverages	817.20	785.00	804.49	45.4	44.3	45.4	18.00	17.72	17.72
Textile Mill Products	320.85	330.04	309.67	43.3	44.6	43.8	7.41	7.40	7.07
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	194.09	199.93	193.44	36.9	38.3	35.3	5.26	5.22	5.48
Paper & Allied Products	478.49	475.20	470.22	44.1	44.0	43.1	10.85	10.80	10.91
Printing & Publishing	393.90	396.36	406.00	39.0	39.4	40.6	10.10	10.06	10.00
Chemicals & Allied Products	658.19	639.52	678.91	42.3	41.5	44.2	15.56	15.41	15.36
Petroleum & Coal Products	684.68	721.39	681.33	42.9	45.6	44.3	15.96	15.82	15.38
Petroleum Refining	706.63	744.84	703.04	42.8	45.5	44.3	16.51	16.37	15.87
Leather & Leather Products	238.34	238.19	205.25	39.2	39.5	36.2	6.08	6.03	5.67
Other Nondurable Goods	393.98	391.47	419.51	43.2	43.4	46.1	9.12	9.02	9.10
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	489.68	478.53	472.43	39.3	39.0	39.6	12.46	12.27	11.93
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	553.05	565.24	527.68	45.0	47.3	43.9	12.29	11.95	12.02
Oil & Gas Extraction	485.47	473.55	468.46	38.9	38.5	39.3	12.48	12.30	11.92
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	517.04	511.92	502.10	41.1	40.5	40.2	12.58	12.64	12.49
Elec., Gas & San. Services	487.63	466.38	456.34	40.4	38.6	40.1	12.07	12.02	11.38
Wholesale & Retail Trade	229.01	231.24	232.50	32.3	32.8	32.7	7.09	7.05	7.11
Wholesale Trade	401.45	398.09	384.33	38.9	38.8	38.9	10.32	10.26	9.88
Retail Trade	178.45	181.66	186.03	30.4	31.0	30.8	5.87	5.86	6.04
General Merchandise Stores	169.90	173.75	199.13	28.7	29.3	29.9	5.92	5.93	6.66
Banking	266.79	259.20	256.62	36.9	35.9	36.4	7.23	7.22	7.05

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$419.16	$411.42	$410.35	42.0	41.6	41.2	$9.98	$9.89	$9.96
Durable Goods	446.27	433.68	431.39	42.3	41.5	41.4	10.55	10.45	10.42
Nondurable Goods	376.06	376.20	375.77	41.6	41.8	40.8	9.04	9.00	9.21
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	453.42	445.17	412.00	42.1	41.8	41.2	10.77	10.65	10.00
Durable Goods	478.98	468.15	433.05	42.5	42.1	41.8	11.27	11.12	10.36
Nondurable Goods	386.63	384.17	357.59	41.0	41.0	39.6	9.43	9.37	9.03
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	484.92	494.60	496.57	42.8	43.5	44.1	11.33	11.37	11.26
Durable Goods	410.48	424.98	412.22	43.3	44.5	43.3	9.48	9.55	9.52
Nondurable Goods	569.19	574.01	591.30	42.1	42.3	45.0	13.52	13.57	13.14
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	298.98	303.28	298.54	39.6	39.8	39.7	7.55	7.62	7.52
Durable Goods	313.05	320.93	309.50	38.6	38.9	38.4	8.11	8.25	8.06
Nondurable Goods	286.53	286.53	287.53	40.7	40.7	40.9	7.04	7.04	7.03

Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ✚ Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
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Changes in both Durable and Nondurable Goods between August and September were minimal, as modest gains and losses in both sectors offset one another. Within Durable Goods, the largest increase was reported in Fabricated Metal Industries, which gained only 400 jobs in September. This gain was nullified by a similar-sized decline in Stone, Clay and Glass Products. A smaller increase in Instruments and Related Products was also offfset by a decrease in Transportation Equipment. The net result of these changes was a loss of 100 jobs in the Durable Goods sector in September.

Nondurable Goods managed little better, despite a seasonal gain of 700 jobs in Food and Kindred Products and smaller increases in Paper and Allied Products and in Printing and Publishing. These advances were partially offset by moderate declines in other segments. Chemicals and Allied Products lost 500 jobs over the month, and Petroleum and Coal Products and Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products each dropped 300 jobs. The result of these increases and decreases was a total gain of 400 jobs in the Nondurable Goods sector in September.

AVERAGE HOURS INCH DOWN WHILE EARNINGS RISE SLIGHTLY

There were an estimated 617,600 Manufacturing production workers in Texas as of mid-September — up 500 from the August level. The average worker was earning $10.01 an hour for a 41.7-hour work week in September and earning an average of $417.42 per week. Average weekly hours slid downward by 0.1 hour over the month, and average hourly earnings rose 4¢, pushing weekly wages up by only 67¢ from August to September. Changes from a year ago were also fairly minimal, as average weekly hours had risen by only 0.2 hour and average hourly earnings were up only 7¢.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	SEP.'88	SEP.'87
Total Population	16,897,000*	16,801,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.6	2.1
UI Covered Employers	311,313	315,190
Total Claims Actions	495,856	587,960
Total Initial Claims Actions	59,289	62,589
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	436,567	525,371
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$149.80	$155.25
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$56,441,386	$72,805,366
Total Placements	33,357	28,000

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
THIRD QUARTER 1988 (JULY-DECEMBER)

Abilene	$818,121
Amarillo	1,788,211
Austin	8,051,370
Beaumont-Port Arthur	4,953,505
Brazoria	2,148,215
Brownsville-Harlingen	2,885,569
Bryan-College Station	691,245
Corpus Christi	3,541,286
Dallas	28,823,170
El Paso	6,513,729
Fort Worth-Arlington	14,186,833
Galveston-Texas City	2,837,472
Houston	33,117,296
Killeen-Temple	1,404,531
Laredo	1,210,771
Longview-Marshall	1,950,406
Lubbock	1,293,014
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	5,274,543
Midland	725,187
Odessa	1,138,991
San Angelo	860,034
San Antonio	13,624,040
Sherman-Denison	860,030
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	719,917
Tyler	1,785,836
Victoria	846,735
Waco	1,677,522
Wichita Falls	947,534
State of Texas	171,427,146

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TEXAS JOBLESS RATE DIPS SLIGHTLY

The actual unemployment rate for Texas declined moderately from 7.1% in September to 6.8% in October. There were an estimated 571,200 jobless Texans in mid-October. The decrease pushed the rate back down near the August level of unemployment. The current rate was more than half a percent lower than the October 1987 rate of 7.4%. Fluctuations in the actual unemployment rate for the State indicate an uncertainty in the general business community, due in part to declining oil prices in recent months.

Total employment rose only marginally over the month, to an estimated 7,804,200, but was still considerably above the October 1987 total. Total agricultural employment in Texas was estimated at 212,800 in mid-October, according to the Current Population Survey.

In the seasonally adjusted series, the Texas unemployment rate rose from 7.0% in September to 7.4% in October. The current rate in this series is the highest for Texas since April. The National rates in both series slid downward over the month. The actual U. S. rate declined from 5.2% to 5.0% in October, well below the 5.7% recorded in October 1987. The seasonally adjusted National rate inched down from 5.4% to 5.3% over the month. The current rate in this series had also declined significantly from the 6.0% registered a year earlier.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS TOTAL INCREASES

Boosted by the completion of staffing in state and local schools and universities and other seasonal increases, Statewide **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** rose by 35,100 jobs between September and October. Only two major industry sectors showed losses over the month — **Construction** and **Mining** both reported employment cutbacks in October.

The over-the-month growth in **Government** provided the majority of the total increase, as close to 27,000 jobs were added in this sector. Hiring to fill the remainder of the positions in Local Government schools generated about three-fourths of the total Government additions. State schools and colleges also finished staffing for the fall semester, adding close to 7,000 additional jobs. A modest gain was reported in Federal Government in October.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Oct. '88	Sep.'88	Oct.'87
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	122,432.0	121,842.0	120,743.0
Unemployment	6,162.0	6,368.0	6,845.0
Percent Unemployed	5.0%	5.2%	5.7%
Total Employment	116,250.0	115,474.0	113,898.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	122,012.0	121,924.0	120,387.0
Unemployment	6,491.0	6,596.0	7,177.0
Percent Unemployed	5.3%	5.4%	6.0%
Total Employment	115,521.0	115,328.0	113,210.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,375.4	8,387.6	8,244.6
Unemployment	571.2	594.4	606.1
Percent Unemployed	6.8%	7.1%	7.4%
Total Employment	7,804.2	7,793.2	7,638.5
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,359.0	8,354.0	8,249.0
Unemployment	620.0	586.0	657.0
Percent Unemployed	7.4%	7.0%	8.0%
Total Employment	7,739.0	7,768.0	7,592.0

The hiring of part-time faculty members at private schools and colleges was in part responsible for the sizeable increase in **Services** over the month. Every sector of Services but one recorded at least modest growth in October, adding 6,200 jobs.

Other Services contributed 3,100 jobs, as growth occurred in several of its segments. The largest of these was a seasonal gain of over 2,000 in Fraternal Associations and Parent-Teacher Associations as the fall school semester began. Legal Services also

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	OCT.'88*	SEP.'88**	OCT.'87**	OCT.'88*	SEP.'88**	OCT.'87**	OCT.'88*	SEP.'88**	OCT.'87**	OCT.'88*	SEP.'88**	OCT.'87**
Industry	**ABILENE**			**AMARILLO**			**AUSTIN**			**BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR**		
TOTAL	**50,500**	**50,200**	**49,100**	**77,400**	**77,500**	**78,500**	**351,500**	**350,600**	**354,100**	**129,800**	**128,800**	**129,200**
Manufacturing	4,800	4,800	4,500	9,400	9,500	9,800	40,200	40,000	39,700	25,200	25,100	24,800
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,100	1,200	1,200	1,300	700	700	800	1,500	1,500	1,500
Construction	2,300	2,200	2,100	3,800	3,800	3,800	15,300	15,300	16,500	8,300	8,200	7,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,400	2,400	2,500	5,800	5,800	5,900	10,700	10,700	10,600	9,600	9,700	9,800
Trade	14,100	13,900	13,500	23,100	23,200	22,900	77,200	77,400	79,200	31,500	31,200	32,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,700	4,300	4,300	4,300	24,600	24,600	24,900	5,200	5,300	5,300
Services & Misc.	13,200	13,300	13,200	16,400	16,600	16,300	83,700	83,800	84,800	28,000	27,700	28,100
Government	9,100	9,000	8,500	13,400	13,100	14,200	99,100	98,100	97,600	20,500	20,100	20,200
	BRAZORIA			**BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN**			**BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION**			**CORPUS CHRISTI**		
TOTAL	**59,000**	**58,500**	**57,100**	**67,600**	**67,400**	**65,700**	**50,200**	**47,800**	**48,500**	**125,700**	**125,400**	**124,300**
Manufacturing	15,700	15,600	15,400	10,400	10,400	9,900	3,100	3,100	3,100	11,200	11,200	11,500
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,900	–	–	—	600	700	700	4,400	4,200	3,900
Construction	6,900	6,900	5,700	2,000	2,100	2,100	2,400	2,200	2,100	6,200	6,100	6,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,200	2,300	2,300	3,200	3,300	3,100	1,700	1,800	1,500	6,800	6,800	7,000
Trade	11,000	10,800	11,000	18,000	17,900	17,400	9,900	9,600	9,900	32,300	32,100	31,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	1,900	2,000	3,500	3,500	3,500	1,600	1,600	1,800	7,000	7,000	6,900
Services & Misc.	8,300	8,200	7,900	14,200	14,100	13,800	8,900	8,600	8,300	29,500	29,500	28,900
Government	11,300	11,200	10,900	16,300	16,100	15,900	22,000	20,200	21,100	28,300	28,500	28,000
	DALLAS ***			**EL PASO**			**FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON**			**GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY**		
TOTAL	**1,336.9**	**1,337.2**	**1,339.2**	**191,800**	**191,300**	**186,700**	**516,100**	**518,800**	**519,500**	**69,300**	**69,800**	**70,400**
Manufacturing	221.8	222.2	221.9	38,200	38,700	37,500	119,200	119,100	117,300	8,500	8,400	8,600
Mining	17.8	18.1	18.4	–	–	—	3,600	3,600	3,500	500	500	600
Construction	47.9	48.6	60.2	9,200	9,200	9,500	19,200	19,300	24,000	2,900	2,900	3,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	92.8	93.2	89.8	10,900	10,800	10,200	31,300	31,300	29,900	4,600	4,500	5,100
Trade	352.8	351.5	347.8	47,100	47,700	46,500	133,900	134,100	138,200	14,100	14,700	14,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	126.8	127.7	132.2	9,100	9,100	9,800	26,500	26,800	27,800	4,100	4,100	4,100
Services & Misc.	326.1	324.9	318.0	37,400	36,800	34,600	116,000	116,900	112,000	14,500	14,800	13,800
Government	150.9	151.0	150.9	39,900	39,000	38,600	66,400	67,700	66,800	20,100	19,900	20,700
	HOUSTON ***			**KILLEEN-TEMPLE**			**LAREDO**			**LONGVIEW-MARSHALL**		
TOTAL	**1,430.2**	**1,422.1**	**1,395.2**	**70,900**	**71,200**	**69,800**	**37,800**	**37,500**	**35,600**	**66,100**	**66,000**	**64,700**
Manufacturing	153.0	152.3	149.0	8,300	8,300	8,000	1,900	1,800	1,700	15,700	15,800	15,700
Mining	64.6	64.6	63.1	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	2,100	3,600	3,600	3,600
Construction	85.2	86.1	83.8	3,700	3,600	3,600	1,200	1,200	1,200	3,400	3,400	2,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	99.6	99.6	98.0	2,800	2,800	2,700	5,000	5,000	4,500	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	359.4	359.0	351.4	16,300	16,400	15,900	10,800	10,700	10,200	17,000	17,000	16,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	96.9	97.1	98.8	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,600	1,600	1,600	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	377.2	374.4	363.2	15,500	15,800	15,200	6,100	6,100	5,900	12,000	12,000	11,600
Government	194.3	189.0	187.9	21,200	21,200	21,300	9,300	9,200	8,400	8,600	8,400	8,500
	LUBBOCK			**MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION**			**MIDLAND**			**ODESSA**		
TOTAL	**93,500**	**93,600**	**92,200**	**93,000**	**89,600**	**89,600**	**44,800**	**44,900**	**43,600**	**43,100**	**43,000**	**42,900**
Manufacturing	7,600	7,800	7,100	12,400	11,500	12,000	2,800	2,800	2,900	3,700	3,700	3,700
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	900	9,600	9,600	9,800	5,700	5,800	6,200
Construction	3,400	3,600	3,400	4,100	4,100	3,900	1,200	1,200	1,200	2,100	2,000	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,100	5,100	4,800	2,900	2,900	2,800	2,200	2,200	2,000	2,200	2,100	2,100
Trade	27,700	27,600	27,500	27,900	26,400	26,400	10,400	10,600	10,300	12,900	12,800	12,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,400	3,800	3,700	3,800	2,500	2,500	2,500	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	22,400	22,600	21,800	14,800	14,400	14,400	8,700	8,700	8,600	7,300	7,300	7,000
Government	21,400	21,000	21,800	26,200	25,700	25,400	7,400	7,300	6,300	7,500	7,600	7,700
	SAN ANGELO			**SAN ANTONIO**			**SHERMAN-DENISON**			**TEXARKANA**		
TOTAL	**36,500**	**36,400**	**36,500**	**514,200**	**511,000**	**504,800**	**37,400**	**37,800**	**38,000**	**45,700**	**45,200**	**45,900**
Manufacturing	5,400	5,500	5,700	46,900	47,100	46,600	10,900	11,100	11,100	7,300	7,300	7,500
Mining	400	400	500	2,500	2,500	2,500	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,500	1,500	1,600	25,200	25,300	29,600	1,700	1,800	1,600	1,800	1,700	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,000	18,000	17,900	18,300	1,900	1,800	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,800
Trade	9,600	9,500	9,400	134,800	135,200	131,700	8,200	8,300	8,400	10,800	10,800	10,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	40,600	40,600	39,700	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	7,900	7,900	7,800	127,100	126,400	120,800	8,600	8,700	8,700	9,600	9,600	9,400
Government	6,900	6,800	6,700	119,100	116,000	115,600	4,200	4,300	4,400	12,300	11,900	12,400
	TYLER			**VICTORIA**			**WACO**			**WICHITA FALLS**		
TOTAL	**61,600**	**61,000**	**61,300**	**27,500**	**27,500**	**27,300**	**79,700**	**78,700**	**79,000**	**51,300**	**51,200**	**50,000**
Manufacturing	10,500	10,300	10,900	3,000	3,000	3,000	15,000	15,000	15,100	8,300	8,300	8,200
Mining	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,300	1,400	1,600	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	1,900
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,200	1,700	1,700	1,700	3,900	3,900	3,500	2,100	2,100	1,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,800	1,600	1,600	1,400	3,400	3,300	3,300	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	16,700	16,800	16,500	7,800	7,900	7,800	19,000	19,100	19,200	12,400	12,200	12,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,700	3,700	3,700	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,700	4,700	4,800	2,300	2,400	2,300
Services & Misc.	14,700	14,600	14,400	5,900	5,800	5,700	21,000	20,500	20,400	11,600	11,600	11,500
Government	9,200	8,800	9,000	4,700	4,600	4,600	12,600	12,100	12,600	10,100	10,100	9,600

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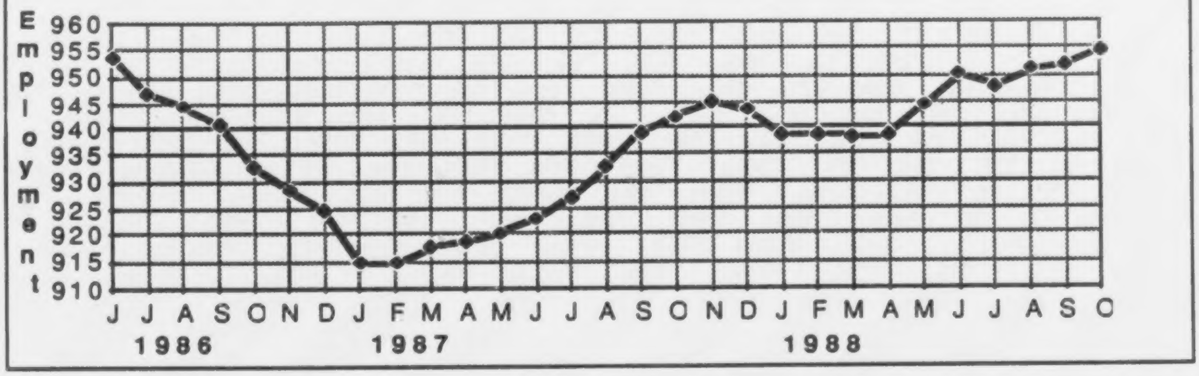
CHART 1
MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT - TEXAS
June 1986 - October 1988 (Prel.)
(Numbers In Thousands)



increased substantially, with part-time hiring prevalent in that sector. Although Health Services contributed only 1,500 jobs during the last month, this sector remains the fastest-growing of any single industry, having generated 24,000 jobs over the past year.

The continued hiring of temporary employees to fill new contracts pushed employment up by 1,300 in the Business portion of Business and Repair Services. The only segment of Services which declined over the month was Amusement, including Motion Pictures, where cutbacks continued due to the shutting down of amusement parks and other outdoor activities. Employment in this industry decreased by 3,000 in October.

The third-largest number of new jobs created over the month was in **Manufacturing.** There were 2,600 additional Manufacturing positions in October and the factory sector was up 12,300 over the year. The moderate but steady growth which has occurred in Manufacturing over the past year has pushed employment to its highest level since May 1986. The majority of the increases have been in the Durable Goods portion which, over the year, was responsible for more than four-fifths of the total Manufacturing growth. ***Chart 1*** above shows this upturn in Manufacturing employment.

Wholesale and Retail Trade provided 2,300 new jobs in October, with most of the advance generated by the Retail sector. Expansion within a large firm in General Merchandise Stores helped to provide 2,800 additional jobs. Food Stores added 1,600 positions as seasonal jobs were created. Seasonal declines in Eating and Drinking Places, among Automotive Dealers and Service Stations, and in Building Materials and Garden Supplies partially offset these gains. Wholesale Trade was basically unchanged over the month, gaining a modest 200 jobs. This sector had, however, increased by 2,500 jobs between October 1987 and October 1988.

Transportation and Public Utilities advanced by 1,000 jobs in October, due entirely to a sizeable increase in Transportation, except Railroads. Within this sector, the largest growth occurred in Transportation Services, which includes forwarding and packing services as well as the arrangement of passenger and freight transportation. Employment in Communications remained stable over the month, while Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services declined slightly.

Construction employment was cut by 2,300 jobs in October, as General Building Contractors and Highway and Street Construction both declined. The primary source of most of the construction increases this year has been highway and street building, and this activity now appears to be lessening. Construction has now lost 7,400 jobs in 1988 since its high point in June of this year and is 24,700 below its October 1987 total. From its peak employment level, in March 1986, over 112,000 Construction jobs have been lost in Texas.

Mining continued to record cutbacks in October, losing an additional 800 positions. The current estimate is 4,000 below the January 1988 level and 4,800 below the year-ago total. Fluctuating and declining oil prices have undermined the modest improvements which occurred in the latter half of 1987 in Oil and Gas Extraction.

As shown by data on ***Chart 1*** above, **Manufacturing** employment has shown a basic upward trend since January 1987. Between

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TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Oct. '88*	Sep. '88**	Oct. '87**	Chg. from Sep. '88	Chg. from Oct. '87
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,655,300**	**6,620,200**	**6,559,600**	**35,100**	**95,700**
MANUFACTURING	**954,400**	**951,800**	**942,100**	**2,600**	**12,300**
Durable Goods	**549,300**	**547,800**	**538,900**	**1,500**	**10,400**
Lumber & Wood Products	34,500	34,400	34,100	100	400
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,400	6,500	6,500	-100	-100
Furniture & Fixtures	16,900	16,500	17,200	400	-300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	42,900	42,800	43,900	100	-1,000
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	17,500	17,600	19,200	-100	-1,700
Primary Metal Industries	28,500	28,700	27,400	-200	1,100
Fabricated Metal Industries	76,700	76,800	73,000	-100	3,700
Fabr. Structural Metal Prod.	36,300	36,300	35,500	0	800
Machinery, exc. Electrical	101,600	101,300	100,800	300	800
Oil Field Machinery	22,500	22,600	21,800	-100	700
Electric & Electronic Equipment	118,100	118,000	116,400	100	1,700
Transportation Equipment	94,400	93,900	91,600	500	2,800
Aircraft & Parts	55,000	54,900	52,200	100	2,800
Instruments & Related Prod.	21,800	21,700	21,400	100	400
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	13,900	13,700	13,100	200	800
Nondurable Goods	**405,100**	**404,000**	**403,200**	**1,100**	**1,900**
Food & Kindred Products	99,000	98,200	98,900	800	100
Meat Products	28,700	28,800	29,400	-100	-700
Dairy Products	4,600	4,600	4,600	0	0
Bakery Products	10,400	10,200	10,400	200	0
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,000	4,100	0	-100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	54,100	54,100	54,000	0	100
Paper & Allied Products	26,600	26,400	24,500	200	2,100
Printing & Publishing	73,800	73,800	73,100	0	700
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,000	35,100	35,900	-100	-900
Chemicals & Allied Products	74,500	74,300	74,300	200	200
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,200	31,300	32,800	-100	-1,600
Petroleum Refining	27,800	27,900	29,500	-100	-1,700
Leather & Leather Products	8,400	8,400	7,800	0	600
Other Nondurable Goods	33,500	33,500	33,700	0	-200
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,700,900**	**5,668,400**	**5,617,500**	**32,500**	**83,400**
Mining	**178,600**	**179,400**	**183,400**	**-800**	**-4,800**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,200	9,400	9,900	-200	-700
Oil & Gas Extraction	169,400	170,000	173,500	-600	-4,100
Construction	**319,200**	**321,500**	**343,900**	**-2,300**	**-24,700**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**394,300**	**393,300**	**388,700**	**1,000**	**5,600**
Railroad Transportation	20,500	20,500	21,500	0	-1,000
Transportation, exc. Railroads	214,200	213,000	207,100	1,200	7,100
Transportation by Air	63,400	63,400	57,800	0	5,600
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	84,200	84,200	84,500	0	-300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,400	75,600	75,600	-200	-200
Electric Services	40,600	40,700	41,500	-100	-900
Gas Production & Distribution	27,500	27,700	26,900	-200	600
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,662,200**	**1,659,900**	**1,650,000**	**2,300**	**12,200**
Wholesale Trade	410,400	410,200	407,900	200	2,500
Retail Trade	1,251,800	1,249,700	1,242,100	2,100	9,700
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,700	44,300	45,000	-600	-1,300
General Merchandise Stores	171,400	168,600	169,600	2,800	1,800
Food Stores	230,800	229,200	227,900	1,600	2,900
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	134,300	135,000	133,900	-700	400
Apparel & Accessory Stores	78,100	78,200	80,200	-100	-2,100
Eating & Drinking Places	407,800	409,300	398,000	-1,500	9,800
Other Retail Trade	185,700	185,100	187,500	600	-1,800
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**439,600**	**440,300**	**440,000**	**-700**	**-400**
Banking	98,100	98,600	97,400	-500	700
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	139,100	138,800	138,200	300	900
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	202,400	202,900	204,400	-500	-2,000
Services	**1,510,200**	**1,504,000**	**1,448,500**	**6,200**	**61,700**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	81,800	81,200	81,700	600	100
Personal Services	84,400	84,300	84,000	100	400
Business & Repair Services	422,000	420,700	402,600	1,300	19,400
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	55,200	58,200	53,500	-3,000	1,700
Health Services	414,000	412,500	390,000	1,500	24,000
Educational Services	77,500	74,900	80,800	2,600	-3,300
Other Services & Miscellaneous	375,300	372,200	355,900	3,100	19,400
Total Government	**1,196,800**	**1,170,000**	**1,163,000**	**26,800**	**33,800**
Federal Government	192,900	192,100	194,500	800	-1,600
State Government	247,900	241,200	238,500	6,700	9,400
Local Government	756,000	736,700	730,000	19,300	26,000

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	OCT.'88*	SEP.'88**	OCT.'87**	OCT.'88*	SEP.'88**	OCT.'87**	OCT.'88*	SEP.'88**	OCT.'87**
		ABILENE			**AMARILLO**			**AUSTIN**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,400	55,400	54,000	101,200	101,900	100,800	430,100	430,500	429,600
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,200	3,900	6,100	6,000	5,800	24,200	25,000	25,700
Percent Unemployed	5.6%	5.8%	7.2%	6.0%	5.9%	5.8%	5.6%	5.8%	6.0%
Total Employment ++	52,300	52,200	50,100	95,100	95,900	95,000	405,900	405,500	403,900
		BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			**BRAZORIA**			**BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	161,700	161,800	160,800	83,500	83,600	81,000	97,900	97,800	95,200
Total Unemployment	15,200	16,300	16,700	5,900	6,400	6,800	11,500	12,100	12,400
Percent Unemployed	9.4%	10.1%	10.4%	7.1%	7.7%	8.4%	11.7%	12.4%	13.0%
Total Employment ++	146,500	145,500	144,100	77,600	77,200	74,200	86,400	85,700	82,800
		BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			**CORPUS CHRISTI**			**DALLAS*** **	
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,300	57,800	57,700	160,700	160,900	158,900	1,473.7	1,476.1	1,457.5
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,500	2,700	13,900	14,300	15,900	82.7	83.4	84.3
Percent Unemployed	4.5%	4.3%	4.7%	8.6%	8.9%	10.0%	5.6%	5.7%	5.8%
Total Employment ++	57,600	55,300	55,000	146,800	146,600	143,000	1,391.0	1,392.7	1,373.2
		EL PASO			**FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON**			**GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	244,700	247,400	233,800	684,500	687,400	679,200	105,500	107,400	107,800
Total Unemployment	25,900	28,300	23,100	40,500	42,100	41,100	8,400	9,200	10,300
Percent Unemployed	10.6%	11.4%	9.9%	5.9%	6.1%	6.1%	8.0%	8.6%	9.6%
Total Employment ++	218,800	219,100	210,700	644,000	645,300	638,100	97,100	98,200	97,500
		HOUSTON* **			**KILLEEN-TEMPLE**			**LAREDO**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,635.3	1,635.1	1,600.6	97,100	97,200	93,200	47,200	47,000	44,700
Total Unemployment	101.1	107.0	121.2	7,800	7,600	7,000	5,500	5,700	5,600
Percent Unemployed	6.2%	6.5%	7.6%	8.0%	7.8%	7.5%	11.7%	12.1%	12.5%
Total Employment ++	1,534.2	1,528.1	1,479.4	89,300	89,600	86,200	41,700	41,300	39,100
		LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			**LUBBOCK**			**MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,200	80,100	78,700	115,700	115,800	113,000	153,300	148,100	146,700
Total Unemployment	6,800	6,700	7,100	5,700	5,800	6,000	25,300	26,600	24,700
~~Percent U~~nemployed	8.5%	8.4%	9.0%	4.9%	5.0%	5.3%	16.5%	18.0%	16.8%
Total Employment ++	73,400	73,400	71,600	110,000	110,000	107,000	128,000	121,500	122,000
		MIDLAND			**ODESSA**			**SAN ANGELO**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,200	50,300	49,500	53,800	54,000	53,300	46,300	46,200	45,400
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,800	3,600	4,000	4,100	4,300	2,800	2,800	2,500
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	5.6%	7.3%	7.4%	7.6%	8.1%	6.0%	6.1%	5.5%
Total Employment ++	47,500	47,500	45,900	49,800	49,900	49,000	43,500	43,400	42,900
		SAN ANTONIO			**SHERMAN-DENISON**			**TEXARKANA**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	632,300	631,700	611,300	49,800	50,400	49,600	58,400	58,300	58,200
Total Unemployment	46,800	49,000	44,300	3,200	3,500	3,400	4,300	4,500	4,300
Percent Unemployed	7.4%	7.8%	7.2%	6.4%	6.9%	6.9%	7.4%	7.7%	7.4%
Total Employment ++	585,500	582,700	567,000	46,600	46,900	46,200	54,100	53,800	53,900
		TYLER			**VICTORIA**			**WACO**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,800	76,700	76,200	36,700	37,000	36,500	94,200	94,300	93,900
Total Unemployment	5,400	5,700	5,700	2,300	2,500	2,800	5,700	6,100	7,000
Percent Unemployed	7.0%	7.4%	7.5%	6.3%	6.8%	7.7%	6.1%	6.5%	7.5%
Total Employment ++	71,400	71,000	70,500	34,400	34,500	33,700	88,500	88,200	86,900
		WICHITA FALLS						**STATE OF TEXAS*** **	
Total Civilian Labor Force	58,400	58,600	57,000				8,375.4	8,387.6	8,244.6
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,500	3,800				571.2	594.4	606.1
Percent Unemployed	5.5%	6.0%	6.7%				6.8%	7.1%	7.4%
Total Employment ++	55,200	55,100	53,200				7,804.2	7,793.2	7,638.5

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
* Preliminary – subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✚

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Oct.'88*	Sep.'88	Oct.'87	Oct.'88*	Sep.'88	Oct.'87	Oct.'88*	Sep.'88	Oct.'87
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 418.58	$ 417.00	$ 413.70	41.9	41.7	42.0	$ 9.99	$ 10.00	9.85
Durable Goods	421.88	414.96	409.21	42.4	42.0	42.1	9.95	9.88	9.72
Lumber & Wood Products	297.20	304.74	288.56	41.8	42.8	40.7	7.11	7.12	7.09
Furniture & Fixtures	275.39	273.64	259.45	41.6	40.6	40.1	6.62	6.74	6.47
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	398.37	388.50	399.89	42.2	42.0	43.8	9.44	9.25	9.13
Primary Metal Industries	454.49	451.50	447.32	42.2	42.0	42.4	10.77	10.75	10.55
Fabricated Metal Products	390.76	389.96	379.80	42.8	42.9	42.2	9.13	9.09	9.00
Machinery, exc. Electric	424.41	422.17	423.12	43.0	42.6	43.0	9.87	9.91	9.84
Oil Field Machinery	464.34	454.94	505.12	43.6	43.0	45.1	10.65	10.58	11.20
Electric & Electronic Equip.	437.53	444.55	433.42	40.7	41.2	41.2	10.75	10.79	10.52
Transportation Equipment	595.19	555.56	538.04	45.4	43.0	42.6	13.11	12.92	12.63
Instruments & Related Prod.	367.88	363.38	359.16	39.6	39.2	41.0	9.29	9.27	8.76
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	271.36	262.39	286.40	38.6	37.7	40.0	7.03	6.96	7.16
Nondurable Goods	414.65	418.78	419.00	41.3	41.3	41.9	10.04	10.14	10.00
Food & Kindred Products	337.18	348.43	347.28	42.2	42.7	42.3	7.99	8.16	8.21
Meat Products	257.83	259.19	265.42	42.9	42.7	42.4	6.01	6.07	6.26
Malt Beverages	814.87	892.49	865.89	45.6	49.2	48.7	17.87	18.14	17.78
Textile Mill Products	324.95	323.83	318.21	43.5	44.3	45.2	7.47	7.31	7.04
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	193.96	193.82	203.46	37.3	36.5	37.4	5.20	5.31	5.44
Paper & Allied Products	471.68	471.76	468.46	44.0	43.4	43.7	10.72	10.87	10.72
Printing & Publishing	405.03	393.43	390.45	39.4	38.8	39.4	10.28	10.14	9.91
Chemicals & Allied Products	640.65	642.60	675.58	41.9	42.0	44.3	15.29	15.30	15.25
Petroleum & Coal Products	712.99	722.77	652.70	45.5	45.4	42.8	15.67	15.92	15.25
Petroleum Refining	740.02	749.84	675.81	45.4	45.5	42.8	16.30	16.48	15.79
Leather & Leather Products	229.52	236.19	222.40	38.0	39.3	40.0	6.04	6.01	5.56
Other Nondurable Goods	383.13	391.78	395.25	43.0	43.1	45.8	8.91	9.09	8.63
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	512.50	489.61	473.56	41.0	39.2	40.2	12.50	12.49	11.78
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	571.78	550.12	550.16	46.6	44.4	46.0	12.27	12.39	11.96
Oil & Gas Extraction	508.31	484.61	468.05	40.6	38.8	39.8	12.52	12.49	11.76
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	517.01	518.68	484.90	41.0	41.1	39.2	12.61	12.62	12.37
Elec., Gas & San. Services	452.13	487.63	455.66	39.8	40.4	39.9	11.36	12.07	11.42
Wholesale & Retail Trade	232.44	230.30	227.72	32.6	32.3	32.3	7.13	7.13	7.05
Wholesale Trade	407.00	401.97	385.93	39.4	38.8	39.3	10.33	10.36	9.82
Retail Trade	181.15	179.66	179.69	30.6	30.4	30.2	5.92	5.91	5.95
General Merchandise Stores	171.39	170.46	183.86	29.0	28.6	28.2	5.91	5.96	6.52
Banking	280.28	267.53	254.87	38.5	36.9	36.1	7.28	7.25	7.06

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 414.34	$ 416.91	$ 406.43	41.6	41.9	41.6	$ 9.96	$ 9.95	9.77
Durable Goods	444.78	444.57	433.15	42.4	42.3	42.3	10.49	10.51	10.24
Nondurable Goods	366.53	372.45	363.20	40.5	41.2	40.4	9.05	9.04	8.99
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	461.92	453.84	413.28	42.3	42.1	41.0	10.92	10.78	10.08
Durable Goods	492.20	479.83	430.50	42.8	42.5	41.0	11.50	11.29	10.50
Nondurable Goods	384.29	386.63	367.69	41.1	41.0	40.9	9.35	9.43	8.99
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	493.99	484.79	490.36	43.6	42.6	43.9	11.33	11.38	11.17
Durable Goods	424.31	411.51	414.42	44.9	43.5	43.9	9.45	9.46	9.44
Nondurable Goods	573.82	570.04	576.40	42.1	41.7	44.0	13.63	13.67	13.10
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	303.56	295.99	294.42	40.1	39.1	39.1	7.57	7.57	7.53
Durable Goods	326.40	314.67	313.89	40.0	38.8	38.8	8.16	8.11	8.09
Nondurable Goods	282.10	278.16	275.41	40.3	39.4	39.4	7.00	7.06	6.99

Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ✚ Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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January and October of 1988, almost 16,000 Manufacturing jobs have been added in Texas.

Most of the expansion has been generated by the **Durable Goods** sector. This sector, which is characterized by the manufacture of relatively long-enduring products, currently comprises close to 60% of the total Manufacturing employment in Texas. Most of the factory growth in 1988 has been in these industries.

Between September and October 1988, an additional 2,600 Manufacturing jobs were added, and 1,500 of these were in Durable Goods. Although none of the individual industries recorded a large gain over the month, the majority of the Durable Goods sectors did advance moderately.

The largest increase was in Transportation Equipment, which gained 500 jobs in October. Furniture and Fixtures added 400 jobs. The other industries within Durable Goods registered minor growth. Over the past year, however, Fabricated Metal Industries had increased by 3,700 and Transportation Equipment registered 2,800 additions. The only Durable Goods sector which showed a sizeable downturn over the year was Stone, Clay and Glass Products, which lost 1,000 jobs from October 1987 to October 1988, as construction activity declined sharply.

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The **Nondurable Goods** sector primarily manufactures "soft goods" -- those which do not normally have a long life-span. Over the past month, Nondurable Goods gained 1,100 jobs, but the majority of those were seasonal increases in Food and Kindred Products. Smaller growth occurred in Paper and Allied Products and in Chemicals and Allied Products. The Nondurable Goods industry which had the largest number of new jobs over the year was Paper and Allied Products, which contributed 2,100 jobs. Printing and Publishing also recorded a moderate number of new positions. The only major industry showing a decline from October to October was Petroleum and Coal Products, which lost 1,600 jobs in Petroleum Refining.

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS RISE IN OCTOBER

There were an estimated 620,300 Texas Manufacturing production workers in October, up 2,400 from the September level. The average production worker in October was earning $9.99 per hour for a 41.9-hour work week and averaging $418.58 a week in wages. Average Weekly Hours rose 0.2 hour between September and October, while Average Hourly Earnings slid downward by one cent over the month. Average Weekly Earnings thus rose by only $1.58 during this period. Compared to a year earlier, Average Weekly Hours were down 0.1 hour but Average Hourly Earnings had risen by 14¢, pushing Average Weekly Earnings up by $4.88 over the year.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	OCT.'88	OCT.'87
Total Population	17,001,000*	16,905,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.6	2.0
UI Covered Employers	311,410	313,364
Total Claims Actions	468,966	589,430
Total Initial Claims Actions	61,500	71,052
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	407,466	518,378
Total Placements	32,488	27,056
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$149.44	$154.61
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$51,467,194	$67,144,358

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

Most of the over-the-month increase in hours worked was provided by Durable Goods industries, where more overtime was worked at premium wages, pushing Average Weekly Hours up by 0.4 hour and raising Average Hourly Earnings in this sector by 7¢ in October. Compared to the minor increase for Manufacturing workers as a whole, those in Durable Goods averaged a gain of $6.92 per week in Average Weekly Earnings. The Nondurable Goods sector, in comparison, recorded a drop in Average Hourly Earnings of 10¢ over the month, and Average Weekly Hours were unchanged between September and October.

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TEXAS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DIPS AGAIN

For the third consecutive month, the Texas actual unemployment rate declined between October and November. The State's actual rate has fallen from 7.1% in September, to 6.8% in October, and down to 6.6% in mid-November. The current rate in the actual series is the same as the July 1988 rate, and these two months' rates are the lowest recorded thus far in 1988. This rate was also the lowest for a November since 1985, when the actual rate was 6.5%.

There were an estimated 552,000 jobless Texans in November 1988, down over 19,000 over the month and over 100,000 below the November 1987 level. Total employment rose by almost 64,000 over the month, to an estimated 7,868,000—substantially above the year-ago level.

Although seasonal hiring once again provided a large portion of the over-the-month increase in employment, most sectors of the State's economy have shown moderate improvement during the past years. The two exceptions are Construction and Mining (Oil and Gas), both of which continued to lose jobs.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Nov. '88	Oct.'88	Nov.'87
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	122,639.0	122,432.0	120,611.0
Unemployment	6,325.0	6,182.0	6,802.0
Percent Unemployed	5.2%	5.0%	5.6%
Total Employment	116,314.0	116,250.0	113,809.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	122,571.0	122,012.0	120,594.0
Unemployment	6,595.0	6,491.0	7,090.0
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	5.3%	5.9%
Total Employment	115,976.0	115,521.0	113,504.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,420.0	8,375.4	8,390.4
Unemployment	552.0	571.2	659.5
Percent Unemployed	6.6%	6.8%	7.9%
Total Employment	7,868.0	7,804.2	7,730.9
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,351.0	8,359.0	8,351.0
Unemployment	579.0	620.0	692.0
Percent Unemployed	6.9%	7.4%	8.3%
Total Employment	7,772.0	7,739.0	7,659.0

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS REACH HIGH

The number of **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Jobs** in Texas in November climbed to a level higher than any recorded during the past three years (see **Chart 1** on Page 3). The mid-November nonfarm salaried jobs total was 6,676,700 — more jobs than the State has produced since its peak in November 1985, when the total was 6,702,600. The low point for the State's job count during this three-year period occurred in January 1987, when the total fell to 6,440,600.

The Statewide nonfarm salaried jobs total in November 1988 was just over 25,000 below the all-time high — showing that the Texas economy has regained some momentum, although growth has been fairly slow. During the past 12 months, over 100,000 jobs have been created in Texas.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ✦
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**
TOTAL	**50,500**	**50,500**	**49,200**	**77,300**	**77,600**	**78,400**	**351,900**	**351,200**	**353,800**	**130,100**	**129,800**	**129,500**
Manufacturing	4,800	4,800	4,500	9,100	9,400	9,700	40,100	40,100	39,700	25,000	25,200	24,900
Mining	2,000	2,100	2,100	1,200	1,200	1,300	700	700	800	1,500	1,500	1,500
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,100	3,600	3,800	3,900	14,900	15,200	16,400	8,600	8,300	7,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,500	5,800	5,800	5,800	10,700	10,700	10,700	9,600	9,600	9,600
Trade	14,200	14,100	13,500	23,500	23,200	23,100	77,700	76,900	79,700	31,900	31,500	32,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,700	4,300	4,300	4,300	24,400	24,600	24,800	5,200	5,200	5,300
Services & Misc.	13,200	13,200	13,100	16,300	16,500	16,200	83,400	83,600	84,200	27,700	28,000	27,900
Government	9,000	9,000	8,700	13,500	13,400	14,100	100,000	99,400	97,500	20,600	20,500	20,300

	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	**59,100**	**59,000**	**57,600**	**67,500**	**67,600**	**65,600**	**50,500**	**50,000**	**48,900**	**126,200**	**125,900**	**124,400**
Manufacturing	15,800	15,700	15,400	10,200	10,300	9,900	3,200	3,100	3,000	11,200	11,200	11,400
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,800	–	–	–	600	600	700	4,300	4,200	3,900
Construction	6,900	6,900	5,900	2,000	2,000	2,100	2,500	2,400	2,100	6,100	6,300	6,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,200	2,200	2,400	3,100	3,300	3,000	1,700	1,700	1,500	6,700	6,800	6,900
Trade	11,100	11,000	11,200	17,900	17,900	17,200	9,900	9,700	10,000	32,600	32,300	32,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	2,000	2,000	3,500	3,500	3,600	1,600	1,600	1,800	7,100	7,100	6,900
Services & Misc.	8,300	8,300	7,800	14,500	14,300	13,800	8,800	8,900	8,500	29,800	29,700	29,000
Government	11,300	11,300	11,100	16,300	16,300	16,000	22,200	22,000	21,300	28,400	28,300	27,900

	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	**1,340.8**	**1,338.5**	**1,340.8**	**190,800**	**191,200**	**186,700**	**517,500**	**518,500**	**519,100**	**69,300**	**69,300**	**69,600**
Manufacturing	222.2	221.6	223.0	37,600	37,900	37,200	119,500	119,300	117,200	8,500	8,500	8,500
Mining	17.8	17.8	18.4	–	–	–	3,600	3,600	3,600	500	500	600
Construction	47.5	48.2	59.0	9,000	9,200	9,500	19,200	19,200	22,700	3,100	2,900	3,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	92.7	92.8	89.8	10,700	10,800	10,200	31,400	31,200	30,000	4,400	4,600	4,900
Trade	355.9	352.5	349.5	47,400	47,500	46,700	133,100	133,900	138,400	14,200	14,100	13,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	126.4	126.7	131.6	9,000	9,000	9,600	26,400	26,500	27,700	4,100	4,100	4,100
Services & Misc.	326.6	327.5	317.9	36,900	36,800	34,500	115,600	116,100	112,200	14,500	14,500	13,700
Government	151.7	151.4	151.6	40,200	40,000	39,000	68,700	68,700	67,300	20,000	20,100	20,700

	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	**1,459.2**	**1,454.0**	**1,397.5**	**71,400**	**71,200**	**70,000**	**38,100**	**37,900**	**35,900**	**65,600**	**65,900**	**64,800**
Manufacturing	152.9	152.8	149.5	8,400	8,400	8,000	1,900	1,900	1,800	15,300	15,700	15,700
Mining	65.1	65.0	63.1	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,600	3,600	3,600
Construction	84.9	86.3	82.2	3,700	3,800	3,500	1,100	1,200	1,300	3,400	3,400	3,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	100.2	99.7	98.1	2,700	2,800	2,700	5,100	5,000	4,600	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	384.6	380.1	358.1	16,500	16,300	16,200	11,000	10,900	10,300	17,100	17,000	16,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	97.0	96.8	96.5	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,600	1,600	1,600	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	378.5	379.0	361.2	15,600	15,500	15,000	6,100	6,100	5,900	11,900	11,900	11,800
Government	196.0	194.3	188.8	21,400	21,300	21,500	9,400	9,300	8,400	8,500	8,500	8,500

	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	**94,500**	**93,600**	**92,700**	**94,700**	**93,000**	**90,700**	**45,300**	**44,900**	**43,700**	**43,200**	**43,100**	**43,200**
Manufacturing	7,700	7,600	7,300	12,500	12,300	12,100	2,900	2,800	2,800	3,700	3,700	3,700
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	900	9,600	9,600	9,900	5,800	5,700	6,200
Construction	3,400	3,400	3,200	4,000	4,100	4,000	1,200	1,200	1,200	2,100	2,100	2,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,100	5,100	5,000	3,000	2,900	2,800	2,200	2,200	2,000	2,200	2,200	2,100
Trade	28,000	27,800	27,500	29,000	28,100	26,900	10,700	10,400	10,300	12,800	12,800	12,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,500	3,900	3,800	3,900	2,500	2,500	2,500	1,700	1,700	1,600
Services & Misc.	22,600	22,400	21,800	15,300	14,900	14,500	8,800	8,800	8,600	7,400	7,400	7,100
Government	21,800	21,400	22,000	26,100	26,000	25,600	7,400	7,400	6,400	7,500	7,500	7,600

	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	**36,600**	**36,400**	**36,600**	**514,900**	**514,500**	**506,900**	**37,500**	**37,400**	**38,200**	**45,100**	**45,300**	**46,200**
Manufacturing	5,500	5,400	5,600	47,100	47,000	47,000	10,700	10,900	11,300	7,400	7,400	7,500
Mining	400	400	500	2,400	2,500	2,500	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,500	1,500	1,500	24,600	25,200	29,600	1,800	1,700	1,600	1,700	1,700	2,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,100	18,000	18,000	18,000	1,900	1,900	2,000	1,800	1,900	1,800
Trade	9,500	9,600	9,600	135,600	134,800	132,500	8,300	8,200	8,400	10,900	10,800	10,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	40,700	40,800	39,700	1,800	1,800	1,700	1,800	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	7,900	7,900	7,800	127,200	127,400	121,000	8,700	8,600	8,700	9,400	9,400	9,400
Government	7,000	6,900	6,700	119,300	118,800	116,600	4,200	4,200	4,400	12,000	12,100	12,500

	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	**61,900**	**61,800**	**61,200**	**27,600**	**27,500**	**27,400**	**79,600**	**79,800**	**78,900**	**51,200**	**51,300**	**50,100**
Manufacturing	10,500	10,500	10,800	3,000	3,000	2,900	15,100	15,100	14,900	8,200	8,300	8,300
Mining	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,200	1,300	1,500	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	1,900
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,200	1,600	1,700	1,700	3,700	3,900	3,500	2,100	2,100	1,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,800	1,600	1,600	1,400	3,300	3,400	3,300	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	16,900	16,700	16,500	8,100	7,800	7,900	19,400	19,000	19,500	12,400	12,400	12,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,700	3,700	3,700	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,700	4,700	4,800	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	14,800	15,000	14,300	5,900	5,900	5,900	20,700	21,000	20,200	11,600	11,600	11,500
Government	9,200	9,100	9,000	4,700	4,700	4,600	12,600	12,600	12,600	10,100	10,100	9,500

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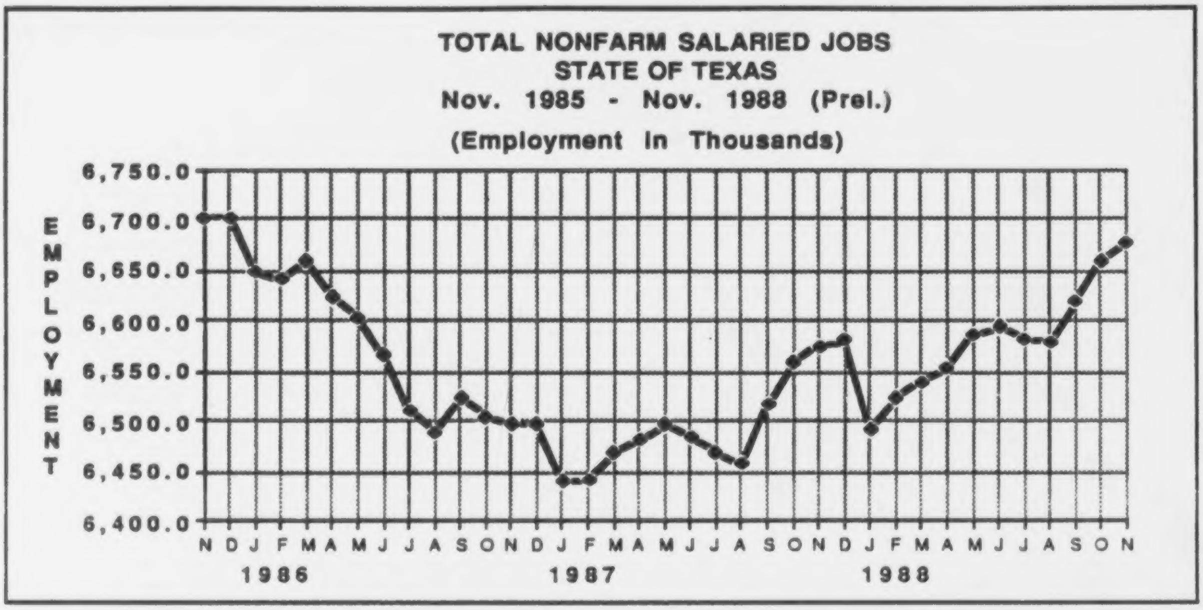

Much of the over-the-month growth in nonagricultural wage and salary employment was due to seasonal hiring by retailers for the Christmas rush. In fact, **Trade** provided 9,700 jobs between October and November — over half of the total increase of 18,100. The largest number of additions were in General Merchandise Stores, where almost 8,000 positions were filled in November. Apparel and Accessory Stores gained 1,500 jobs, and Other Retail Trade increased by 900 over the month.

The other sector which showed a sizeable number of new positions was **Government**, which gained 8,300 jobs in November. Most of the growth was in the educational sector, where hiring for the fall semester continued later than usual. Local Government increased by 6,500 over the month, as local schools and colleges augmented their payrolls. State Government added 2,100 positions, while Federal Government recorded a modest decline.

Although gains and losses were somewhat mixed within **Services**, this sector as a whole increased by 1,600 in November. Health Services, the industry group which has generated more private-sector jobs than any other during the past year, gained 1,300 jobs over the month. Hiring of part-time non-faculty personnel in private schools pushed employment in Educational Services up by 1,000. Other Services and Miscellaneous also increased by 1,000, due primarily to part-time help hired within Legal Services. The only notable downturn in Services was in Amusement, including Motion Pictures, where seasonal layoffs continued in outdoor amusement parks.

Transportation and Public Utilities recorded moderate growth in November, with an additional 800 jobs. The source of the gain was Transportation, except Railroads, which rose by 1,600 over the month. Railroad Transportation declined by 800 as two companies merged, partially nullifying the larger increase.

Banking provided the only advance in **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate**, which rose by 500. The increase in Banking was due to a large financial institution hiring additional staff. Employment among Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers remained unchanged over the month, while the Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate sector declined by 300 jobs.

The two sectors of the State's economy which have experienced problems for the past few years continued to lose jobs in November.

Construction lost an additional 3,800 jobs over the month, and is currently over 23,000 below its year-ago level. Much of the November decrease was seasonal in nature due to inclement weather in parts of the State. The largest decline occurred in Highway and Street Construction.

Mining declined by only 400 over the month. Although the downturn in Mining (Oil and Gas Extraction) has slowed considerably in 1988, over 4,000 additional positions have been cut in this sector since January and it had lost 5,000 jobs during the past year.

Manufacturing continued its growth in November, with 1,400 positions added —

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Nov. '88*	Oct. '88**	Nov. '87**	Chg. from Oct. '88	Chg. from Nov. '87
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,676,700**	**6,658,600**	**6,575,200**	**18,100**	**101,500**
MANUFACTURING	**955,500**	**954,100**	**945,000**	**1,400**	**10,500**
Durable Goods	**549,300**	**549,400**	**539,800**	**-100**	**9,500**
Lumber & Wood Products	33,600	34,200	33,700	-600	-100
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,400	6,400	6,500	0	-100
Furniture & Fixtures	16,900	16,800	17,300	100	-400
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	43,100	42,700	43,800	400	-700
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	17,600	17,500	19,000	100	-1,400
Primary Metal Industries	28,500	28,500	27,600	0	900
Fabricated Metal Industries	76,800	76,900	73,100	-100	3,700
Fabr. Structural Metal Prod.	36,300	36,300	35,400	0	900
Machinery, exc. Electrical	101,800	101,900	101,200	-100	600
Oil Field Machinery	22,700	22,700	21,900	0	800
Electric & Electronic Equipment	117,800	118,200	116,800	-400	1,000
Transportation Equipment	94,800	94,500	91,300	300	3,500
Aircraft & Parts	55,300	55,000	52,300	300	3,000
Instruments & Related Prod.	22,000	21,800	21,600	200	400
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	14,000	13,900	13,400	100	600
Nondurable Goods	**406,200**	**404,700**	**405,200**	**1,500**	**1,000**
Food & Kindred Products	99,100	98,300	98,800	800	300
Meat Products	29,000	28,800	29,400	200	-400
Dairy Products	4,600	4,600	4,700	0	-100
Bakery Products	10,300	10,300	10,500	0	-200
Malt Beverages	3,200	3,000	3,100	200	100
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	54,600	54,200	54,700	400	-100
Paper & Allied Products	26,800	26,700	24,700	100	2,100
Printing & Publishing	73,800	73,700	73,900	100	-100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,000	34,900	36,400	100	-1,400
Chemicals & Allied Products	74,700	74,500	74,100	200	600
Petroleum & Coal Products	30,900	31,100	32,800	-200	-1,900
Petroleum Refining	27,600	27,800	29,500	-200	-1,900
Leather & Leather Products	8,400	8,500	8,000	-100	400
Other Nondurable Goods	33,900	33,700	34,200	200	-300
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,721,200**	**5,704,500**	**5,630,200**	**16,700**	**91,000**
Mining	**178,300**	**178,700**	**183,300**	**-400**	**-5,000**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,000	9,000	9,700	0	-700
Oil & Gas Extraction	169,300	169,700	173,600	-400	-4,300
Construction	**316,100**	**319,900**	**339,400**	**-3,800**	**-23,300**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**394,200**	**393,400**	**388,800**	**800**	**5,400**
Railroad Transportation	19,700	20,500	21,100	-800	-1,400
Transportation, exc. Railroads	214,800	213,200	207,400	1,600	7,400
Transportation by Air	63,500	63,200	57,900	300	5,600
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	84,200	84,200	84,600	0	-400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,500	75,500	75,700	0	-200
Electric Services	40,700	40,700	41,700	0	-1,000
Gas Production & Distribution	27,500	27,500	26,800	0	700
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,672,900**	**1,663,200**	**1,657,300**	**9,700**	**15,600**
Wholesale Trade	411,100	410,700	407,500	400	3,600
Retail Trade	1,261,800	1,252,500	1,249,800	9,300	12,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,800	43,700	44,700	100	-900
General Merchandise Stores	179,000	171,200	174,400	7,800	4,600
Food Stores	230,900	230,900	228,700	0	2,200
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	133,000	133,900	132,700	-900	300
Apparel & Accessory Stores	79,200	77,700	82,000	1,500	-2,800
Eating & Drinking Places	408,400	408,500	397,600	-100	10,800
Other Retail Trade	187,500	186,600	189,700	900	-2,200
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**439,400**	**438,900**	**438,700**	**500**	**700**
Banking	99,000	98,200	97,300	800	1,700
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	138,700	138,700	137,900	0	800
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	201,700	202,000	203,500	-300	-1,800
Services	**1,515,300**	**1,513,700**	**1,451,600**	**1,600**	**63,700**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	82,100	82,300	82,000	-200	100
Personal Services	84,400	84,400	83,500	0	900
Business & Repair Services	422,900	422,700	403,600	200	19,300
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	54,400	56,100	53,500	-1,700	900
Health Services	415,300	414,000	390,100	1,300	25,200
Educational Services	78,300	77,300	81,500	1,000	-3,200
Other Services & Miscellaneous	377,900	376,900	357,400	1,000	20,500
Total Government	**1,205,000**	**1,196,700**	**1,171,100**	**8,300**	**33,900**
Federal Government	191,900	192,200	194,600	-300	-2,700
State Government	250,900	248,800	240,000	2,100	10,900
Local Government	762,200	755,700	736,500	6,500	25,700

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**
		ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN	
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,100	55,800	55,200	101,900	101,800	102,900	430,800	428,000	437,900
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,100	4,200	5,900	6,100	6,500	22,800	24,100	28,700
Percent Unemployed	5.5%	5.6%	7.6%	5.8%	6.0%	6.3%	5.3%	5.6%	6.6%
Total Employment ++	53,000	52,700	51,000	96,000	95,700	96,400	408,000	403,900	409,200
		BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN	
Total Civilian Labor Force	162,400	161,800	163,300	84,000	83,700	82,700	98,000	98,100	97,600
Total Unemployment	14,800	15,200	18,000	5,900	5,900	7,300	10,900	11,500	13,900
Percent Unemployed	9.1%	9.4%	11.0%	7.0%	7.0%	8.8%	11.1%	11.7%	14.2%
Total Employment ++	147,600	146,600	145,300	78,100	77,800	75,400	87,100	86,600	83,700
		BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***	
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,800	60,100	58,900	161,400	160,600	161,700	1,478.5	1,470.9	1,481.1
Total Unemployment	2,500	2,700	2,900	13,000	13,800	17,100	78.3	82.5	90.7
Percent Unemployed	4.1%	4.5%	4.9%	8.1%	8.6%	10.6%	5.3%	5.6%	6.1%
Total Employment ++	58,300	57,400	56,000	148,400	146,800	144,600	1,400.2	1,388.4	1,390.4
		EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY	
Total Civilian Labor Force	243,300	243,500	238,300	685,300	683,000	689,500	105,600	105,300	108,400
Total Unemployment	24,800	25,800	25,200	38,600	40,400	45,000	8,000	8,400	10,600
Percent Unemployed	10.2%	10.6%	10.6%	5.6%	5.9%	6.5%	7.6%	8.0%	9.8%
Total Employment ++	218,500	217,700	213,100	646,700	642,600	644,500	97,600	96,900	97,800
		HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,656.4	1,643.8	1,631.3	97,800	97,600	95,300	48,200	47,600	46,500
Total Unemployment	97.8	101.4	129.4	7,200	7,800	7,500	5,600	5,600	6,700
Percent Unemployed	5.9%	6.2%	7.9%	7.4%	8.0%	7.9%	11.6%	11.8%	14.4%
Total Employment ++	1,558.6	1,542.4	1,501.9	90,600	89,800	87,800	42,600	42,000	39,800
		LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION	
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,400	80,400	80,100	116,600	115,600	115,000	156,400	153,000	153,400
Total Unemployment	6,500	6,800	7,600	5,300	5,800	6,400	24,800	25,400	28,500
Percent Unemployed	8.1%	8.5%	9.5%	4.5%	5.0%	5.6%	15.9%	16.6%	18.6%
Total Employment ++	73,900	73,600	72,500	111,300	109,800	108,600	131,600	127,600	124,900
		MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,800	50,400	50,800	54,200	53,700	54,300	46,600	46,500	46,200
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,700	3,800	4,000	4,000	4,400	2,500	2,800	2,700
Percent Unemployed	5.3%	5.4%	7.5%	7.4%	7.4%	8.1%	5.4%	6.0%	5.8%
Total Employment ++	48,100	47,700	47,000	50,200	49,700	49,900	44,100	43,700	43,500
		SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA	
Total Civilian Labor Force	632,500	629,900	623,100	49,600	49,600	50,700	58,700	58,300	59,200
Total Unemployment	44,400	46,600	47,900	3,000	3,200	3,800	4,400	4,400	4,600
Percent Unemployed	7.0%	7.4%	7.7%	6.0%	6.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.8%
Total Employment ++	588,100	583,300	575,200	46,600	46,400	46,900	54,300	53,900	54,600
		TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,700	77,100	78,000	36,800	36,800	37,300	95,400	94,800	96,000
Total Unemployment	5,300	5,400	6,400	2,100	2,300	2,900	5,400	5,700	7,900
Percent Unemployed	6.8%	7.0%	8.2%	5.7%	6.3%	7.8%	5.7%	6.0%	8.2%
Total Employment ++	72,400	71,700	71,600	34,700	34,500	34,400	90,000	89,100	88,100
		WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***	
Total Civilian Labor Force	58,800	58,300	57,900				8,420.0	8,375.4	8,390.4
Total Unemployment	3,300	3,200	4,000				552.0	571.2	659.5
Percent Unemployed	5.6%	5.5%	6.9%				6.6%	6.8%	7.9%
Total Employment ++	55,500	55,100	53,900				7,868.0	7,804.2	7,730.9

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✦

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Nov.'88*	Oct.'88	Nov.'87	Nov.'88*	Oct.'88	Nov.'87	Nov.'88*	Oct.'88	Nov.'87
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 417.90	$ 419.58	$ 416.94	42.0	42.0	42.2	$ 9.95	$ 9.99	9.88
Durable Goods	418.20	421.46	413.27	42.2	42.4	42.3	9.91	9.94	9.77
Lumber & Wood Products	288.93	296.49	292.93	41.1	41.7	41.2	7.03	7.11	7.11
Furniture & Fixtures	268.46	273.82	247.73	40.8	41.3	39.7	6.58	6.63	6.24
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	390.69	398.14	390.43	42.1	42.4	42.3	9.28	9.39	9.23
Primary Metal Industries	457.30	456.84	451.34	42.5	42.3	42.3	10.76	10.80	10.67
Fabricated Metal Products	398.14	391.73	381.07	43.8	43.0	42.2	9.09	9.11	9.03
Machinery, exc. Electric	422.45	425.57	431.43	42.5	42.9	43.8	9.94	9.92	9.85
Oil Field Machinery	458.11	475.64	529.11	42.3	44.0	46.7	10.83	10.81	11.33
Electric & Electronic Equip.	443.31	437.38	435.72	41.2	40.8	41.3	10.76	10.72	10.55
Transportation Equipment	565.49	585.12	556.34	43.2	44.7	43.6	13.09	13.09	12.76
Instruments & Related Prod.	368.52	369.74	363.24	40.1	39.8	41.8	9.19	9.29	8.69
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	270.05	270.13	281.25	38.8	38.7	38.9	6.96	6.98	7.23
Nondurable Goods	418.42	418.50	420.00	41.8	41.6	42.0	10.01	10.06	10.00
Food & Kindred Products	344.21	342.88	343.16	42.6	42.7	41.9	8.08	8.03	8.19
Meat Products	252.84	264.48	264.39	42.0	43.5	41.9	6.02	6.08	6.31
Malt Beverages	730.82	814.87	804.25	41.5	45.6	45.8	17.61	17.87	17.56
Textile Mill Products	317.95	324.51	334.15	43.2	43.5	46.8	7.36	7.46	7.14
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	202.15	195.38	207.04	39.1	37.5	38.2	5.17	5.21	5.42
Paper & Allied Products	480.34	473.88	476.52	44.6	44.0	44.0	10.77	10.77	10.83
Printing & Publishing	404.00	405.27	397.54	39.3	39.5	40.4	10.28	10.26	9.84
Chemicals & Allied Products	645.15	643.97	674.93	42.5	42.2	44.2	15.18	15.26	15.27
Petroleum & Coal Products	707.36	724.13	672.11	44.6	45.6	43.9	15.86	15.88	15.31
Petroleum Refining	734.56	752.40	696.96	44.6	45.6	44.0	16.47	16.50	15.84
Leather & Leather Products	236.93	231.94	229.07	38.4	38.4	41.2	6.17	6.04	5.56
Other Nondurable Goods	383.99	383.10	389.82	43.0	42.9	44.5	8.93	8.93	8.76
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	497.50	510.43	480.70	39.8	40.9	40.6	12.50	12.48	11.84
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	542.18	573.54	538.19	45.6	47.4	44.7	11.89	12.10	12.04
Oil & Gas Extraction	494.08	506.66	476.75	39.4	40.5	40.3	12.54	12.51	11.83
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	502.00	504.56	500.85	40.0	40.3	40.1	12.55	12.52	12.49
Elec., Gas & San. Services	496.00	490.73	471.06	40.0	39.8	40.4	12.40	12.33	11.66
Wholesale & Retail Trade	230.75	232.44	226.69	32.5	32.6	32.2	7.10	7.13	7.04
Wholesale Trade	405.33	406.36	390.25	39.2	39.3	39.3	10.34	10.34	9.93
Retail Trade	179.93	180.85	177.00	30.6	30.6	30.0	5.88	5.91	5.90
General Merchandise Stores	170.53	170.80	171.27	29.1	28.9	27.1	5.86	5.91	6.32
Banking	266.08	278.78	269.14	36.6	38.4	37.8	7.27	7.26	7.12

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 414.24	$ 414.92	$ 408.51	41.8	41.7	41.6	$ 9.91	$ 9.95	9.82
Durable Goods	444.35	444.35	434.28	42.4	42.4	42.0	10.48	10.48	10.34
Nondurable Goods	367.36	368.74	367.85	41.0	40.7	41.1	8.96	9.06	8.95
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	453.96	462.58	424.69	41.8	42.4	41.8	10.86	10.91	10.16
Durable Goods	482.22	490.92	443.94	42.3	42.8	42.0	11.40	11.47	10.57
Nondurable Goods	380.16	386.75	372.86	40.4	41.1	41.2	9.41	9.41	9.05
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	494.42	498.62	494.31	43.6	43.7	43.9	11.34	11.41	11.26
Durable Goods	428.23	425.15	420.12	44.7	44.8	43.9	9.58	9.49	9.57
Nondurable Goods	571.90	582.15	576.41	42.3	42.4	43.9	13.52	13.73	13.13
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	305.37	300.89	307.40	40.5	39.8	40.5	7.54	7.56	7.59
Durable Goods	320.62	317.77	325.21	39.1	38.8	40.1	8.20	8.19	8.11
Nondurable Goods	291.62	284.09	290.39	41.9	40.7	40.9	6.96	6.98	7.10

Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ✦ Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

primarily in the Nondurable Goods sector. The **Durable Goods** segment of Manufacturing actually declined by 100 over the month, as minor increases and decreases offset one another. The largest of the gains was in Stone, Clay and Glass Products, which rose by 400 jobs in November. Only two other increases of note occurred over the month in the Durable Goods sector. Transportation Equipment gained 300 positions, all of which were in Aircraft and Parts. Another 200 jobs were added in Instruments and Related Products.

There were two declines which offset these smaller gains in Durable Goods — Lumber and Wood Products declined by 600 over the month, and Electric and Electronic Equipment dropped 400 positions. Other industries changed only by 100 or not at all in November.

The **Nondurable Goods** sector provided all of the growth in Manufacturing over the month. Food and Kindred Products recorded the largest of the increases, with 800 additional jobs. Most of this gain was seasonal, as preparation of holiday baked goods was in progress. The other notable increase in the Nondurable segment was an advance of 400 in Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products. An additional 200 jobs were created in Chemicals and Allied Products and in Other Nondurable Goods. The only two sectors which recorded declines in November were Chemicals and Allied Products, where 200 jobs were lost, and Leather and Leather Products, which dropped by 100. Other over-the-month changes were basically insignificant.

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AVERAGE EARNINGS DIP IN NOVEMBER

The number of Texas Manufacturing production workers rose by 1,000 between October and November, totaling 620,800 in mid-November. These production workers averaged a 42.0-hour work week in November — unchanged from the October level. Average Hourly Earnings declined by 4¢ over the month, to $9.95 per hour in November. The combination of a lower Average Hourly Earnings figure and stability in the average hours worked per week pushed Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing down by $1.68 over the month, to an average of $417.90 per week. Compared to a year ago, Average Hourly Earnings had risen by 7¢ but Average Weekly Hours were down 0.2 hour, leaving Weekly Earnings up by less than $1.00 between November 1987 and November 1988. Most of the decline in Average Hourly Earnings over the month was due to less overtime worked at premium pay in several different industries.

Average Hourly Earnings dropped by 5¢ in November in Nondurable Goods, and hourly earnings in this sector had risen by only 1¢ over the year. Average Weekly Hours in Nondurable Goods were up by 0.2 hour over the month, while the Durable Goods sector's weekly hours dropped by 0.2 hour.

Between November 1987 and November 1988, Durable Goods industries averaged a 14¢ gain in hourly earnings, which pushed Average Weekly Earnings up by almost $5.00 despite a slight decline in hours worked.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	NOV.'88	NOV.'87
Total Population	16913000*	16817300*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.6	1.9
UI Covered Employers	312,028	313,572
Total Claims Actions	544,650	514,893
Total Initial Claims Actions	63,625	64,970
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	481,025	449,923
Total Placements	30,887	26,030
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$149.44	$152.92
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$81,216,848	$58,604,436

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Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION JANUARY 1989 AUSTIN, TX 78778

JOBLESS RATE DROPS TO FOUR-YEAR LOW

The actual Texas unemployment rate declined in December to its lowest point in four years, decreasing from 6.6% in November to 6.2% in mid-December. The last time the actual rate was below 6.2% was in December 1984, when it was 5.6%. The total number of jobless Texans dropped by just over 33,000 over the month, to a level of 518,900. While the decline from November to December was encouraging, unemployment had been gradually declining throughout most of 1988. The current unemployment rate compared favorably to the December 1987 rate of 6.8%. Total employment decreased moderately over the month, but was still almost 100,000 above its year-ago level, at 7,805,700 in December. There were an estimated 188,800 agricultural workers in the State in December, according to the Current Population Survey.

The seasonally adjusted rate for the State rose slightly over the month, from 6.9% in November to 7.1% in December. The current rate in this series was also well below the year-ago rate of 7.7%. The U. S. rates in both series inched downward between November and December. The seasonally adjusted rate for the Nation inched down from 5.4% to 5.3%, while the actual rate slid from 5.2% to 5.0% in December. These rates were among the lowest registered for the U. S. in many years.

MSA RATES ALSO DECLINE

The December unemployment rates for the majority of the 28 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA's) in the State were below those recorded for November 1988, and most were also below year-ago levels. The five largest MSA's — Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth-Arlington, Houston and San Antonio — all had lower rates over the month. These areas' current rates were not only below their December 1987 rates, but were substantially lower than their December 1986 rates (see **Chart 1** on Page 3).

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Dec. '88	Nov.'88	Dec.'87
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	122,120.0	122,639.0	120,205.0
Unemployment	6,142.0	6,325.0	6,526.0
Percent Unemployed	5.0%	5.2%	5.4%
Total Employment	115,978.0	116,314.0	113,679.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	122,563.0	122,571.0	120,722.0
Unemployment	6,554.0	6,595.0	6,978.0
Percent Unemployed	5.3%	5.4%	5.8%
Total Employment	116,009.0	115,976.0	113,744.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,324.6	8,420.0	8,269.2
Unemployment	518.9	552.0	561.4
Percent Unemployed	6.2%	6.6%	6.8%
Total Employment	7,805.7	7,868.0	7,707.8
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,320.0	8,351.0	8,286.0
Unemployment	594.0	579.0	640.0
Percent Unemployed	7.1%	6.9%	7.7%
Total Employment	7,726.0	7,772.0	7,646.0

The most dramatic improvement among these largest MSA's has been in the Houston area, which had a December 1986 rate of 9.9%. The December 1987 rate had declined to 6.7%, and the current rate was down to 5.4% — the lowest rate reported for Houston since April 1982, when the rate was 5.0%.

Although the Houston PMSA had lost a substantial number of jobs during the past few years due to its dependence on the oil and gas industry, this area's Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment has experienced one of the strongest growth rates in the State in 1988. Preliminary estimates of nonfarm salaried jobs for the Houston PMSA in December 1988 show an increase of over 46,000 from the December 1987 total. This represents a 3% growth rate (about twice

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	DEC.'88*	NOV.'88**	DEC.'87**	DEC.'88*	NOV.'88**	DEC.'87**	DEC.'88*	NOV.'88**	DEC.'87**	DEC.'88*	NOV.'88**	DEC.'87**
		ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR	
TOTAL	**50,800**	**50,600**	**49,100**	**77,200**	**77,300**	**78,700**	**350,200**	**352,000**	**354,000**	**130,500**	**130,600**	**129,100**
Manufacturing	4,800	4,800	4,600	9,000	9,100	9,800	39,800	39,900	39,700	24,900	25,000	24,800
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,200	1,200	1,300	700	700	800	1,500	1,600	1,500
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,000	3,400	3,700	3,700	14,700	15,000	16,400	8,200	8,600	7,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,400	2,500	5,600	5,800	5,700	10,500	10,700	10,700	9,600	9,700	9,800
Trade	14,500	14,200	13,700	23,800	23,400	23,300	77,900	77,400	80,400	32,400	32,000	32,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,700	4,200	4,300	4,400	24,200	24,500	24,800	5,300	5,200	5,300
Services & Misc.	13,000	13,200	13,100	16,600	16,300	16,200	83,400	83,600	84,000	28,000	27,900	27,900
Government	9,200	9,200	8,500	13,400	13,500	14,300	99,000	100,200	97,200	20,600	20,600	20,200
		BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI	
TOTAL	**60,300**	**59,400**	**57,800**	**68,200**	**67,500**	**66,400**	**49,900**	**50,400**	**48,600**	**126,100**	**126,400**	**124,500**
Manufacturing	15,800	15,800	15,500	10,300	10,200	10,100	3,300	3,200	3,200	11,200	11,200	11,200
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,900	–	–	–	600	600	700	4,400	4,300	3,900
Construction	7,500	7,200	5,900	2,200	2,100	2,100	2,500	2,400	2,200	6,200	6,200	6,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,200	2,200	2,300	3,200	3,100	3,100	1,700	1,700	1,600	6,800	6,800	6,900
Trade	11,300	11,100	11,200	18,200	17,800	17,600	9,600	9,900	9,700	32,300	32,700	32,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	1,900	2,000	3,500	3,500	3,600	1,600	1,600	1,700	7,100	7,100	6,900
Services & Misc.	8,400	8,300	8,000	14,400	14,500	13,800	8,600	8,800	8,500	29,800	29,700	29,000
Government	11,500	11,300	11,000	16,400	16,300	16,100	22,000	22,200	21,000	28,300	28,400	28,000
		DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY	
TOTAL	**1,340.6**	**1,340.4**	**1,342.1**	**191,500**	**191,300**	**187,500**	**518,600**	**517,300**	**518,900**	**69,200**	**69,200**	**70,200**
Manufacturing	221.2	222.2	222.8	37,900	37,800	37,000	119,300	119,200	117,400	8,500	8,500	8,500
Mining	17.7	17.8	18.4	–	–	–	3,600	3,600	3,600	500	500	600
Construction	46.2	47.4	57.5	8,800	9,000	9,400	18,900	18,800	21,400	3,300	3,200	3,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	93.0	93.0	90.1	11,000	10,800	10,300	31,600	31,300	30,400	4,400	4,400	5,000
Trade	359.3	356.6	353.4	47,900	47,500	47,500	134,300	133,500	139,100	14,200	14,200	14,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	126.1	128.3	131.4	9,000	9,000	9,600	26,500	26,400	27,600	4,000	4,000	4,100
Services & Misc.	324.9	323.1	316.9	36,600	36,800	34,700	115,100	115,300	112,000	14,400	14,400	13,900
Government	152.2	152.0	151.6	40,300	40,400	39,000	69,300	69,200	67,400	19,900	20,000	20,700
		HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL	
TOTAL	**1,447.9**	**1,439.7**	**1,401.3**	**71,300**	**71,500**	**70,100**	**38,400**	**38,400**	**36,000**	**66,000**	**65,600**	**65,100**
Manufacturing	153.2	152.8	149.0	8,300	8,500	7,900	1,700	1,900	1,700	15,600	15,500	15,700
Mining	64.7	64.9	63.2	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	2,100	3,500	3,500	3,600
Construction	85.1	84.8	81.4	3,600	3,700	3,400	1,100	1,100	1,300	3,400	3,400	3,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	100.4	100.3	97.9	2,800	2,700	2,700	5,100	5,200	4,600	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	372.4	365.4	361.0	16,600	16,500	16,400	11,500	11,100	10,400	17,400	17,000	16,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	96.7	96.7	98.3	3,000	3,100	2,900	1,500	1,600	1,600	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	379.4	379.0	361.9	15,600	15,600	15,000	6,100	6,200	5,800	11,800	11,900	11,600
Government	198.0	195.8	188.6	21,300	21,300	21,700	9,500	9,400	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500
		LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA	
TOTAL	**94,800**	**94,500**	**92,900**	**96,400**	**95,400**	**91,900**	**45,200**	**45,200**	**44,400**	**43,100**	**42,900**	**43,900**
Manufacturing	7,900	7,800	7,200	13,200	12,700	12,700	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,800	3,700	3,700
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	900	9,500	9,600	10,100	5,700	5,800	6,300
Construction	3,400	3,400	3,200	4,000	4,100	3,900	1,200	1,200	1,100	2,000	2,000	2,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,100	5,100	5,100	3,000	3,000	2,800	2,200	2,200	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,200
Trade	28,300	28,000	27,900	29,800	29,400	27,500	10,700	10,600	10,600	13,100	12,800	12,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,500	5,200	3,800	3,800	3,800	2,500	2,500	2,500	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	22,500	22,500	21,900	15,300	15,200	14,700	8,800	8,800	8,600	7,200	7,300	7,200
Government	21,600	21,800	22,000	26,400	26,300	25,600	7,400	7,400	6,500	7,500	7,500	7,700
		SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA	
TOTAL	**36,900**	**36,800**	**37,000**	**518,500**	**515,400**	**507,000**	**37,400**	**37,300**	**38,000**	**45,800**	**45,200**	**46,000**
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,700	46,900	47,000	46,600	10,900	10,700	11,000	7,500	7,500	7,400
Mining	400	400	500	2,400	2,400	2,600	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,500	1,500	1,500	24,500	24,600	29,700	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,700	1,700	2,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,200	18,000	18,000	18,100	1,900	1,900	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,700
Trade	9,800	9,600	9,900	137,100	135,800	133,800	8,400	8,300	8,400	11,100	10,900	10,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	40,700	40,600	39,700	1,700	1,800	1,700	1,900	1,800	1,900
Services & Misc.	7,900	7,900	7,700	127,000	127,000	120,500	8,600	8,600	8,900	9,400	9,300	9,300
Government	7,000	7,100	6,700	121,900	120,000	116,000	4,200	4,300	4,300	12,200	12,000	12,500
		TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS	
TOTAL	**61,700**	**61,700**	**61,500**	**27,200**	**27,600**	**27,500**	**80,600**	**80,000**	**78,200**	**51,500**	**51,200**	**50,300**
Manufacturing	10,300	10,500	10,800	2,900	3,000	3,000	15,400	15,300	14,600	8,200	8,200	8,400
Mining	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,100	1,200	1,500	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	1,900
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,300	1,600	1,600	1,700	3,700	3,700	3,300	2,100	2,100	1,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,800	1,400	1,500	1,500	3,400	3,400	3,300	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	17,100	17,000	16,700	8,200	8,100	8,000	19,700	19,300	19,700	12,700	12,500	12,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,700	3,600	3,700	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,700	4,700	4,600	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	14,700	14,700	14,300	5,900	6,000	5,700	20,900	20,800	20,000	11,600	11,600	11,500
Government	9,200	9,200	9,000	4,600	4,700	4,600	12,700	12,700	12,600	10,100	10,000	9,500

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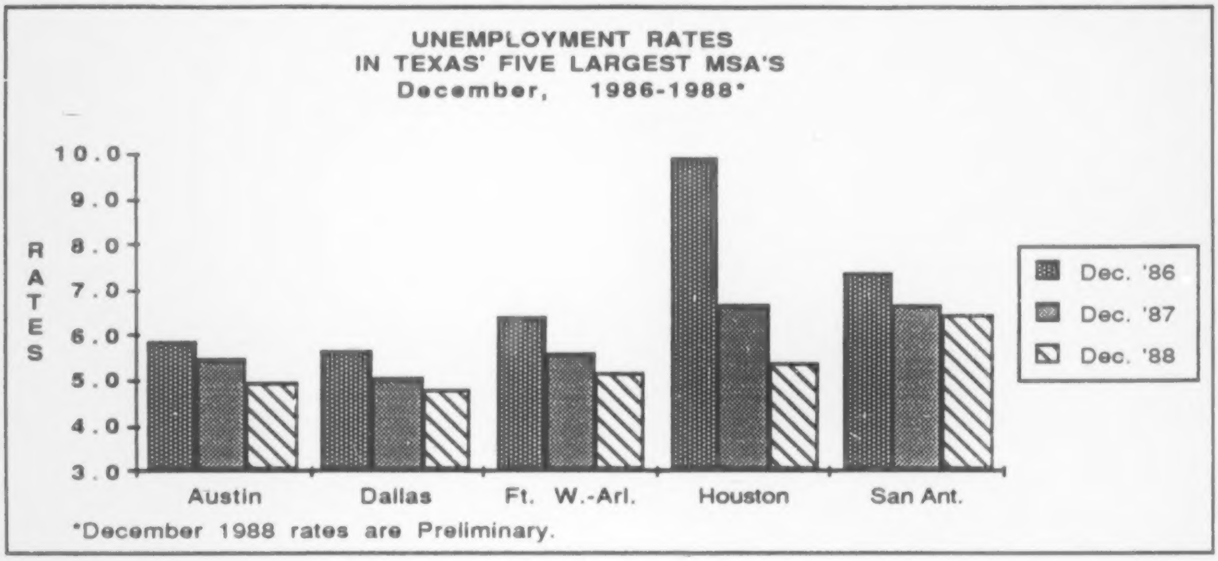

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
IN TEXAS' FIVE LARGEST MSA'S
December, 1986-1988*

*December 1988 rates are Preliminary.

that for the State as a whole for the same period). Even more encouraging, the increases were scattered through almost every sector of the area's economy, rather than concentrated in any one industry.

NONFARM JOBS TOTAL UP SEASONALLY

Statewide **Nonagicultural Wage and Salary Employment** rose by 13,000 between November and December, due primarily to seasonal hiring in Trade. Had this sector not increased significantly, the Nonfarm Salaried Jobs total would have declined over the month, as several other sectors recorded job losses in December. Noteable growth occurred in most industries during the past year, generating approximately 113,000 additional jobs between December 1987 and December 1988. The exceptions were Construction and Mining, both of which continued cutbacks during 1988.

Wholesale and Retail Trade employment expanded between November and December, as both sectors added workers to accommodate Christmas shoppers. The Wholesale segment gained 1,100 jobs, but the bulk of the increase was in the Retail sector, where 15,700 positions were created. General Merchandise Stores was responsible for 7,200 of the gain, and Apparel and Accessory Stores increased by 4,000. These two sectors of Retail Trade contributed two-thirds of the total Trade growth. Other Retail Trade, which includes such varied shops as jewelry and drug stores and catalog houses, rose by 5,000 over the month. The only Trade sectors which lost jobs in December were Food Stores and Automotive Dealers and Service Stations.

A much smaller increase occurred in **Government**, which gained 1,900 jobs between November and December. Federal Government was responsible for the largest number of new hires, as jobs were added for the Christmas rush and a hiring freeze was lifted. Local Government rose by only 1,400, and State Government declined as jobs were deleted at the semester's end in schools and colleges.

Employment in **Transportation and Public Utilities** increased by 1,400 on the strength of growth in Transportation, except Railroads. Within this sector, the primary gains were in trucking and warehousing and in water transportation. The Communication sector declined modestly, while Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services remained stable in December.

An estimated 1,300 jobs were added over the month in **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate**. Most of this growth was centered in Banking, where the merging and reorganization among financial institutions enabled one large firm to begin hiring again.

An additional 5,600 jobs were deleted in **Construction** in December. Much of the over-the-month decline was due to seasonal losses, which occurred in all sectors of Construction. Close to 28,000 jobs have been cut between December 1987 and December 1988 in the building trades.

Mining employment in December continued a downward trend which began in July . Although only 900 jobs were lost over the past month, this industry has declined by 5,000 since July and is currently 7,500 below its year-ago level.

The other Nonmanufacturing sector which decreased over the month was **Services**, where scattered declines more than offset moderate gains, leaving the total down by 300. Health Services and Other Services and Miscellaneous provided the largest increases. The largest of the losses was in Educational Services, as some jobs

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TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Dec. '88*	Nov. '88**	Dec. '87**	Chg. from Nov. '88	Chg. from Dec. '87
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,693,700**	**6,680,700**	**6,580,800**	**13,000**	**112,900**
MANUFACTURING	**954,300**	**955,900**	**943,300**	**-1,600**	**11,000**
Durable Goods	**548,400**	**548,800**	**539,100**	**-400**	**9,300**
Lumber & Wood Products	33,300	33,600	33,500	-300	-200
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,400	6,400	6,500	0	-100
Furniture & Fixtures	16,700	16,900	17,300	-200	-600
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	42,700	43,000	43,700	-300	-1,000
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	17,700	17,700	18,900	0	-1,200
Primary Metal Industries	28,400	28,500	27,600	-100	800
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,200	76,800	73,200	400	4,000
Fabr. Structural Metal Prod.	36,500	36,300	35,400	200	1,100
Machinery, exc. Electrical	101,500	101,600	100,900	-100	600
Oil Field Machinery	22,400	22,500	21,800	-100	600
Electric & Electronic Equipment	117,900	117,900	116,300	0	1,600
Transportation Equipment	95,100	94,800	91,700	300	3,400
Aircraft & Parts	55,300	55,300	52,500	0	2,800
Instruments & Related Prod.	21,700	21,800	21,600	-100	100
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	13,900	13,900	13,300	0	600
Nondurable Goods	**405,900**	**407,100**	**404,200**	**-1,200**	**1,700**
Food & Kindred Products	98,700	99,100	98,400	-400	300
Meat Products	29,000	29,200	29,200	-200	-200
Dairy Products	4,500	4,600	4,600	-100	-100
Bakery Products	10,400	10,400	10,500	0	-100
Malt Beverages	2,900	3,100	3,100	-200	-200
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	54,800	54,700	54,500	100	300
Paper & Allied Products	26,800	26,800	25,000	0	1,800
Printing & Publishing	73,200	73,900	73,100	-700	100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	34,700	35,200	36,000	-500	-1,300
Chemicals & Allied Products	74,800	74,800	74,300	0	500
Petroleum & Coal Products	30,700	31,000	32,600	-300	-1,900
Petroleum Refining	27,400	27,700	29,300	-300	-1,900
Leather & Leather Products	8,700	8,600	8,200	100	500
Other Nondurable Goods	34,200	34,200	34,100	0	100
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,739,400**	**5,724,800**	**5,637,500**	**14,600**	**101,900**
Mining	**177,200**	**178,100**	**184,700**	**-900**	**-7,500**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,000	9,000	9,700	0	-700
Oil & Gas Extraction	168,200	169,100	175,000	-900	-6,800
Construction	**309,400**	**315,000**	**337,200**	**-5,600**	**-27,800**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**395,300**	**393,900**	**388,400**	**1,400**	**6,900**
Railroad Transportation	19,600	19,700	21,100	-100	-1,500
Transportation, exc. Railroads	216,000	214,300	206,800	1,700	9,200
Transportation by Air	63,700	63,600	58,300	100	5,400
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	84,000	84,200	84,800	-200	-800
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,700	75,700	75,700	0	0
Electric Services	40,700	40,700	41,600	0	-900
Gas Production & Distribution	27,700	27,700	26,900	0	800
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,693,200**	**1,676,400**	**1,667,100**	**16,800**	**26,100**
Wholesale Trade	413,200	412,100	407,900	1,100	5,300
Retail Trade	1,280,000	1,264,300	1,259,200	15,700	20,800
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,800	43,500	44,700	300	-900
General Merchandise Stores	186,900	179,700	180,100	7,200	6,800
Food Stores	231,700	232,400	229,100	-700	2,600
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	132,400	132,600	132,500	-200	-100
Apparel & Accessory Stores	83,800	79,800	83,800	4,000	0
Eating & Drinking Places	407,700	407,600	397,200	100	10,500
Other Retail Trade	193,700	188,700	191,800	5,000	1,900
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**440,500**	**439,200**	**439,500**	**1,300**	**1,000**
Banking	100,400	99,200	98,500	1,200	1,900
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	139,300	138,800	137,800	500	1,500
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	200,800	201,200	203,200	-400	-2,400
Services	**1,515,800**	**1,516,100**	**1,450,100**	**-300**	**65,700**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	81,600	82,200	81,200	-600	400
Personal Services	84,500	84,100	83,900	400	600
Business & Repair Services	423,100	424,000	404,600	-900	18,500
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	55,800	55,600	53,300	200	2,500
Health Services	416,500	415,300	391,100	1,200	25,400
Educational Services	76,900	78,300	79,100	-1,400	-2,200
Other Services & Miscellaneous	377,400	376,600	356,900	800	20,500
Total Government	**1,208,000**	**1,206,100**	**1,170,500**	**1,900**	**37,500**
Federal Government	196,000	193,000	194,700	3,000	1,300
State Government	247,700	250,200	239,800	-2,500	7,900
Local Government	764,300	762,900	736,000	1,400	28,300

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	DEC.'88*	NOV.'88**	DEC.'87**	DEC.'88*	NOV.'88**	DEC.'87**	DEC.'88*	NOV.'88**	DEC.'87**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,600	56,100	54,200	99,700	101,700	101,400	424,300	431,400	431,100
Total Unemployment	3,000	3,100	3,400	5,200	5,900	5,100	21,200	22,900	23,700
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	5.5%	6.3%	5.2%	5.8%	5.0%	5.0%	5.3%	5.5%
Total Employment ++	52,600	53,000	50,800	94,500	95,800	96,300	403,100	408,500	407,400
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	160,400	162,500	160,000	83,400	84,100	81,500	97,000	97,700	96,100
Total Unemployment	14,200	14,800	15,600	5,400	5,900	6,200	10,500	10,900	12,200
Percent Unemployed	8.9%	9.1%	9.8%	6.5%	7.0%	7.6%	10.8%	11.2%	12.7%
Total Employment ++	146,200	147,700	144,400	78,000	78,200	75,300	86,500	86,800	83,900
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,300	60,600	58,000	158,400	161,300	159,000	1,458.6	1,478.7	1,460.4
Total Unemployment	2,300	2,500	2,400	11,800	13,000	14,600	70.6	78.1	74.8
Percent Unemployed	3.9%	4.1%	4.1%	7.4%	8.1%	9.2%	4.8%	5.3%	5.1%
Total Employment ++	57,000	58,100	55,600	146,600	148,300	144,400	1,388.0	1,400.6	1,385.6
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	239,900	244,000	234,400	677,000	686,000	679,000	103,900	105,800	107,400
Total Unemployment	23,200	24,900	22,000	34,900	38,600	37,800	7,300	8,000	9,400
Percent Unemployed	9.7%	10.2%	9.4%	5.2%	5.6%	5.6%	7.0%	7.6%	8.8%
Total Employment ++	216,700	219,100	212,400	642,100	647,400	641,200	96,600	97,800	98,000
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,637.0	1,652.6	1,607.3	96,300	97,700	93,600	48,400	48,200	46,100
Total Unemployment	88.1	97.6	107.9	6,800	7,300	6,200	6,100	5,700	6,300
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	5.9%	6.7%	7.1%	7.5%	6.6%	12.6%	11.8%	13.7%
Total Employment ++	1,548.9	1,555.0	1,499.4	89,500	90,400	87,400	42,300	42,500	39,800
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,200	80,000	79,100	117,000	116,700	114,300	159,500	157,900	152,000
Total Unemployment	6,000	6,400	6,700	6,100	5,300	5,800	26,100	25,300	25,000
Percent Unemployed	7.6%	8.0%	8.5%	5.2%	4.5%	5.1%	16.4%	16.0%	16.4%
Total Employment ++	73,200	73,600	72,400	110,900	111,400	108,500	133,400	132,600	127,000
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,200	50,600	50,400	53,300	54,100	54,100	46,100	46,500	46,000
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,700	3,100	3,600	4,000	3,700	2,500	2,500	2,400
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	5.3%	6.2%	6.8%	7.4%	6.8%	5.4%	5.4%	5.2%
Total Employment ++	47,500	47,900	47,300	49,700	50,100	50,400	43,600	44,000	43,600
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	627,200	633,500	614,000	49,000	49,700	50,000	58,600	58,900	59,000
Total Unemployment	40,800	44,300	41,400	2,800	3,100	3,300	3,900	4,300	4,300
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	7.0%	6.7%	5.7%	6.2%	6.6%	6.7%	7.3%	7.3%
Total Employment ++	586,400	589,200	572,600	46,200	46,600	46,700	54,700	54,600	54,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,800	77,500	77,100	36,000	36,900	37,000	94,800	95,300	94,300
Total Unemployment	4,900	5,300	5,300	1,900	2,100	2,500	5,500	5,400	6,800
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	6.8%	6.9%	5.3%	5.7%	6.8%	5.8%	5.7%	7.2%
Total Employment ++	71,900	72,200	71,800	34,100	34,800	34,500	89,300	89,900	87,500
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	58,400	58,900	57,400				8,324.6	8,420.0	8,269.2
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,200	3,600				518.9	552.0	561.4
Percent Unemployed	5.3%	5.4%	6.3%				6.2%	6.6%	6.8%
Total Employment ++	55,300	55,700	53,800				7,805.7	7,868.0	7,707.8

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✚

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Dec.'88*	Nov.'88	Dec.'87	Dec.'88*	Nov.'88	Dec.'87	Dec.'88*	Nov.'88	Dec.'87
				FOR TEXAS					
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 430.53	$ 420.00	$ 427.57	42.5	42.0	42.8	$ 10.13	$ 10.00	9.99
Durable Goods	429.56	418.05	427.55	42.7	42.1	43.1	10.06	9.93	9.92
Lumber & Wood Products	287.64	288.64	298.27	40.8	41.0	41.6	7.05	7.04	7.17
Furniture & Fixtures	276.14	267.65	254.63	41.4	40.8	39.6	6.67	6.56	6.43
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	389.66	388.74	400.76	42.4	41.8	43.0	9.19	9.30	9.32
Primary Metal Industries	447.28	456.84	447.10	41.3	42.3	42.1	10.83	10.80	10.62
Fabricated Metal Products	409.40	398.03	400.37	44.5	43.5	43.9	9.20	9.15	9.12
Machinery, exc. Electric	437.33	427.14	445.68	43.3	42.8	44.3	10.10	9.98	10.06
Oil Field Machinery	490.62	484.66	553.80	44.2	43.9	47.7	11.10	11.04	11.61
Electric & Electronic Equip.	459.26	442.65	452.15	41.6	41.1	42.1	11.04	10.77	10.74
Transportation Equipment	590.94	565.07	587.02	44.1	43.3	45.4	13.40	13.05	12.93
Instruments & Related Prod.	376.07	362.85	366.24	40.7	39.1	42.0	9.24	9.28	8.72
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	289.26	269.89	292.33	40.4	38.5	40.1	7.16	7.01	7.29
Nondurable Goods	432.31	421.34	427.39	42.3	41.8	42.4	10.22	10.08	10.08
Food & Kindred Products	362.66	344.68	366.42	43.8	42.5	44.2	8.28	8.11	8.29
Meat Products	269.51	255.78	277.25	43.4	42.0	43.8	6.21	6.09	6.33
Malt Beverages	841.53	769.82	837.87	46.7	43.2	46.6	18.02	17.82	17.98
Textile Mill Products	355.79	320.73	347.00	47.0	43.4	47.6	7.57	7.39	7.29
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	202.75	203.45	198.74	38.4	39.2	36.6	5.28	5.19	5.43
Paper & Allied Products	491.85	481.74	487.53	45.0	44.4	45.1	10.93	10.85	10.81
Printing & Publishing	399.25	406.93	383.57	38.8	39.7	39.1	10.29	10.25	9.81
Chemicals & Allied Products	666.24	649.73	682.87	42.9	42.3	44.4	15.53	15.36	15.38
Petroleum & Coal Products	752.12	723.60	681.78	46.6	45.0	44.3	16.14	16.08	15.39
Petroleum Refining	786.31	753.34	705.07	47.0	45.3	44.4	16.73	16.63	15.88
Leather & Leather Products	258.07	254.80	229.37	39.4	39.2	40.1	6.55	6.50	5.72
Other Nondurable Goods	384.94	381.70	403.59	43.3	42.6	45.5	8.89	8.96	8.87
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	522.86	495.91	511.34	41.3	39.8	42.4	12.66	12.46	12.06
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	540.59	537.43	563.47	45.2	45.2	46.8	11.96	11.89	12.04
Oil & Gas Extraction	521.52	494.15	507.73	41.0	39.5	42.1	12.72	12.51	12.06
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	506.17	510.75	492.82	40.3	40.6	39.3	12.56	12.58	12.54
Elec., Gas & San. Services	486.80	486.29	458.60	39.1	39.6	39.5	12.45	12.28	11.61
Wholesale & Retail Trade	235.34	230.69	227.12	33.1	32.4	32.4	7.11	7.12	7.01
Wholesale Trade	408.18	404.69	387.87	39.4	39.1	39.1	10.36	10.35	9.92
Retail Trade	185.61	179.66	179.06	31.3	30.4	30.4	5.93	5.91	5.89
General Merchandise Stores	179.80	169.03	182.59	31.0	28.6	28.8	5.80	5.91	6.34
Banking	266.43	266.81	249.19	36.8	36.6	34.9	7.24	7.29	7.14

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 420.42	$ 417.16	$ 420.04	42.0	41.8	42.3	$ 10.01	$ 9.98	9.93
Durable Goods	453.68	444.37	454.90	42.8	42.2	43.2	10.60	10.53	10.53
Nondurable Goods	367.20	374.10	361.82	40.8	41.2	40.7	9.00	9.08	8.89
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	450.85	448.52	440.54	41.4	41.3	42.4	10.89	10.86	10.39
Durable Goods	475.18	474.66	465.04	41.5	41.6	42.9	11.45	11.41	10.84
Nondurable Goods	389.99	382.58	374.33	41.4	40.7	41.0	9.42	9.40	9.13
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	525.70	508.36	508.19	44.4	43.9	44.5	11.84	11.58	11.42
Durable Goods	445.28	428.35	437.85	46.0	44.9	45.0	9.68	9.54	9.73
Nondurable Goods	619.58	600.48	585.19	42.7	42.8	43.9	14.51	14.03	13.33
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	301.41	301.29	304.36	39.4	39.8	40.1	7.65	7.57	7.59
Durable Goods	319.20	314.64	324.01	38.0	38.0	40.2	8.40	8.28	8.06
Nondurable Goods	283.68	289.12	285.60	40.7	41.6	40.0	6.97	6.95	7.14

Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ✚ Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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were cut in private schools and colleges at the semester's end.

Mostly moderate but widespread cutbacks were reported in both the Durable and Nondurable Goods sectors of Manufacturing in December, bringing the Manufacturing total down by 1,600. **Durable Goods** declined by only 400, as small gains offset the majority of the equally modest losses. Fabricated Metal Industries provided the largest increase, with 400 additions, and Transportation Equipment added 300 jobs over the month. Of the decreases in this sector, losses in construction-related sectors were the most noteable. Lumber and Wood Products decreased by 300 jobs, as did Stone, Clay and Glass Products. A smaller number of jobs were cut in Furniture and Fixtures.

The **Nondurable Goods** sector dropped by 1,200 in December, due primarily to declines in three sectors. The largest loss in this group of industries occurred in Printing and Publishing, where 700 jobs were deleted as the publication of year books was completed. Food and Kindred Products decreased seasonally, losing 400 positions; and 300 jobs were lost in Petroleum and Coal Products in December. Over-the-month changes in other Nondurable Goods sectors were minimal.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS RISE IN DECEMBER

There were an estimated 620,200 Manufacturing Production workers in Texas in mid-December 1988, down 500 from the November level. The average production worker in December was working a 42.5-hour week at $10.13 per hour and averaging $430.53 in weekly earnings. Average Weekly Hours rose by half an hour between November and December in Manufacturing, while Average Hourly Earnings were up by 13¢ over the month. Average Weekly Earnings, pushed up by these increases, rose by $10.53 in December. Compared to a year earlier, Average Weekly Hours were down 0.3 hour and Average Hourly Earnings had risen by 14¢.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	DEC.'88	DEC.'87
Total Population	16,921,000*	16,825,600*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.6	1.9
UI Covered Employers	311,553	312,891
Total Claims Actions	542,127	677,361
Total Initial Claims Actions	65,174	74,023
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	476,953	603,338
Total Placements	26,423	27,056
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$152.16	$153.08
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$59,090,479	$77,826,644

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
FOURTH QUARTER 1988 (OCT.-DEC.)

Abilene	$818,121
Amarillo	1,788,211
Austin	8,051,370
Beaumont-Port Arthur	4,953,505
Brazoria	2,148,215
Brownsville-Harlingen	2,685,569
Bryan-College Station	691,245
Corpus Christi	3,541,286
Dallas	28,823,170
El Paso	6,513,729
Fort Worth-Arlington	14,186,833
Galveston-Texas City	2,837,472
Houston	33,117,296
Killeen-Temple	1,404,531
Laredo	1,210,771
Longview-Marshall	1,950,406
Lubbock	1,293,014
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	5,274,543
Midland	725,187
Odessa	1,138,991
San Angelo	860,034
San Antonio	13,624,040
Sherman-Denison	860,030
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	719,917
Tyler	1,785,836
Victoria	646,735
Waco	1,677,522
Wichita Falls	947,534
State of Texas	171,427,146

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ALL ESTIMATES FOR 1987 REVISED

All civilian labor force and nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates for 1988 have been revised. The 1988 revised estimates appearing in this issue are not comparable to any previously published data for 1988. These revisions utilize the most recent data available to reflect a refinement of previously published estimates.

All labor force and nonfarm salaried jobs estimates for 1987 are also being revised and should be available within the next month. Tabulations of revised data for the State or for specific MSA's may be obtained by writing to the ERA Department, Texas Employment Commission, TEC Building, Austin, TX 78778. Please specify the area(s) for which data are required.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Jan. '89	Dec.'88	Jan.'88
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	122,095.0	122,120.0	119,742.0
Unemployment	7,309.0	6,142.0	7,603.0
Percent Unemployed	6.0%	5.0%	6.3%
Total Employment	114,786.0	115,978.0	112,139.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	123,427.0	122,563.0	121,035.0
Unemployment	6,716.0	6,554.0	6,980.0
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	5.3%	5.8%
Total Employment	116,711.0	116,009.0	114,055.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,188.1	8,265.9	8,138.6
Unemployment	621.8	515.2	680.6
Percent Unemployed	7.6%	6.2%	8.4%
Total Employment	7,566.3	7,750.7	7,458.0
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,303.0	8,284.0	8,250.0
Unemployment	590.0	591.0	650.0
Percent Unemployed	7.1%	7.1%	7.9%
Total Employment	7,713.0	7,693.0	7,600.0

UNEMPLOYMENT RISES SEASONALLY

The Texas actual unemployment rate increased from December's 6.2 percent to 7.6 percent in January 1989. While joblessness rose over the month, the current rate was well below the year-ago rate of 8.4 percent. Total unemployment, at 621,800 in January, was up over 106,000 from the December level but was almost 60,000 below the January 1988 estimate. Total employment declined considerably over the month, but the January 1989 figure, 7,566,300, was over 100,000 above the January 1988 level. According to the Current Population Survey, there were an estimated 207,200 agricultural workers in the State in mid-January 1989.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Texas remained unchanged over the month, at 7.1 percent. The current rate was down considerably from the January 1988 rate of 7.9 percent. The U. S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate inched up from 5.3 percent in December to 5.4 percent in January 1989, but the actual rate for the Nation rose a full percentage point, from 5.0 percent in December to 6.0 percent. Current rates in both series for the U. S. were well below the year-ago rates.

On an annual average basis, the Texas unemployment rate dropped to 7.3 percent in 1988 — its lowest level since 1985, when it was 7.0 percent. Total employment also rose to a new high in 1988, averaging 7,701,500.

NONFARM JOBS COUNT DECLINES

The number of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in Texas dropped substantially between December and January, due primarily to seasonal layoffs and inclement weather. In

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ◆
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**
Industry		ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR	
TOTAL	49,600	50,000	48,400	76,100	77,000	76,100	353,300	355,400	349,800	132,600	133,900	129,700
Manufacturing	4,900	4,900	4,700	9,000	9,000	9,800	41,400	41,400	40,400	25,100	25,000	25,400
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,200	1,300	1,300	1,400	700	700	800	1,800	1,800	1,700
Construction	2,100	2,100	1,800	3,400	3,500	3,300	13,700	13,800	14,300	8,600	8,800	7,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,400	2,500	2,400	5,500	5,500	5,800	10,500	10,500	10,500	9,500	9,500	9,500
Trade	13,900	14,200	13,200	22,500	23,100	21,600	75,800	77,800	78,200	32,100	33,200	31,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,400	2,500	4,200	4,200	4,300	24,200	24,100	24,400	5,300	5,300	5,300
Services & Misc.	12,800	12,900	13,100	16,800	16,900	16,200	84,800	84,700	82,800	29,700	29,700	28,800
Government	9,000	9,000	8,500	13,400	13,500	13,700	102,200	102,400	100,400	20,500	20,600	20,100
		BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI	
TOTAL	60,300	60,600	57,700	69,600	69,600	66,100	47,800	50,900	46,000	125,200	125,500	121,800
Manufacturing	15,700	15,700	15,300	10,100	10,000	9,700	3,400	3,500	3,300	11,300	11,300	11,300
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,300	–	–	–	500	600	700	4,500	4,400	4,000
Construction	7,400	7,400	5,700	2,100	2,100	1,900	2,000	2,000	1,800	8,300	8,300	7,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,600	2,800	3,000	3,100	2,900	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,500	6,500	6,800
Trade	11,100	11,300	11,000	18,300	18,400	17,200	10,100	10,700	10,300	31,400	31,500	30,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,600	3,600	3,500	1,500	1,600	1,600	7,000	7,000	6,800
Services & Misc.	8,300	8,400	7,900	15,800	15,600	14,400	9,000	8,900	8,300	28,700	28,700	28,200
Government	11,200	11,300	10,700	16,700	16,800	16,500	19,800	22,100	18,500	27,500	27,800	27,400
		DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY	
TOTAL	1,339.8	1,362.3	1,318.8	194,300	195,900	189,500	527,900	530,900	516,200	69,900	71,100	69,800
Manufacturing	222.2	222.8	222.3	39,600	40,600	39,800	121,000	121,500	118,100	8,200	8,300	8,000
Mining	17.8	18.2	18.8	–	–	–	4,100	3,700	3,600	500	500	500
Construction	50.0	50.9	56.2	8,800	8,600	8,900	22,100	22,200	22,600	4,800	4,900	4,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	92.0	92.4	89.2	10,700	10,800	10,400	30,700	30,800	29,900	4,500	4,600	4,900
Trade	348.0	364.3	339.4	47,000	47,000	45,100	136,400	138,200	135,400	13,400	14,100	13,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	126.8	127.7	129.6	8,400	8,400	8,700	26,500	26,800	26,800	4,100	4,100	4,200
Services & Misc.	330.5	333.8	315.7	38,900	39,100	36,500	118,300	118,200	111,900	13,700	13,900	13,200
Government	152.5	152.2	147.6	40,900	41,400	40,100	68,800	69,500	67,900	20,700	20,700	21,100
		HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL	
TOTAL	1,463.3	1,466.9	1,396.9	71,500	72,000	69,300	39,100	39,600	36,700	65,900	66,400	64,700
Manufacturing	158.7	158.1	150.8	8,400	8,300	7,700	1,900	1,800	1,700	15,800	15,900	15,700
Mining	67.1	67.0	64.1	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	2,100	3,700	3,600	3,600
Construction	86.2	87.9	83.0	3,500	3,600	3,200	1,100	1,000	1,200	3,100	3,200	3,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	100.9	101.8	96.7	2,700	2,800	2,700	5,000	5,000	4,500	3,100	3,100	3,000
Trade	362.1	370.7	348.7	16,200	16,700	16,000	11,600	11,900	10,600	17,000	17,300	16,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	100.1	101.0	100.9	2,900	3,000	2,900	1,500	1,500	1,600	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	387.3	386.9	366.5	16,400	16,200	15,300	6,400	6,400	6,000	12,000	12,100	11,600
Government	193.9	194.5	187.4	21,300	21,300	21,400	9,700	10,100	9,000	8,500	8,500	8,500
		LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA	
TOTAL	93,700	95,200	91,200	100,000	100,200	92,700	44,500	45,000	44,100	42,800	43,200	43,400
Manufacturing	7,500	7,600	7,100	14,300	14,400	12,800	2,600	2,700	2,600	4,100	4,100	4,000
Mining	400	400	500	900	900	900	9,900	9,900	10,400	5,700	5,700	6,300
Construction	3,100	3,200	2,800	4,100	4,100	4,000	1,300	1,400	1,200	1,800	1,900	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4,700	4,800	4,800	3,200	3,200	2,900	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	27,600	28,600	27,400	31,800	31,900	28,400	10,100	10,200	10,000	12,800	13,000	12,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,200	3,700	3,800	3,800	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	23,200	23,100	21,800	16,300	16,100	15,400	9,500	9,600	9,200	7,200	7,200	7,000
Government	21,700	22,000	21,600	25,700	25,800	24,500	6,500	6,600	6,100	7,400	7,500	7,600
		SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA	
TOTAL	36,400	36,700	36,400	503,200	508,900	491,500	37,200	37,000	37,200	44,900	45,400	44,700
Manufacturing	5,500	5,400	5,400	47,200	47,600	46,900	11,200	11,000	11,000	7,500	7,500	7,500
Mining	500	500	500	2,200	2,200	2,600	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,400	1,400	1,600	22,500	23,000	26,800	1,700	1,600	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,300	19,100	19,000	18,900	1,800	1,900	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,800
Trade	9,200	9,400	9,100	127,200	130,800	125,000	8,000	7,900	7,700	10,400	10,800	10,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	39,500	39,700	38,300	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,100	8,100	8,000	124,900	126,100	119,100	8,400	8,400	8,700	9,500	9,500	9,000
Government	6,900	7,100	6,700	120,600	120,500	113,900	4,300	4,400	4,400	12,200	12,200	12,400
		TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS	
TOTAL	60,400	60,800	60,500	27,000	27,200	27,300	79,500	80,500	77,300	51,000	51,400	49,800
Manufacturing	10,400	10,500	10,600	3,000	3,000	3,000	14,700	14,700	14,500	8,200	8,200	8,300
Mining	1,900	2,000	1,900	1,300	1,300	1,800	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	2,000
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,600	1,400	1,500	3,600	3,700	3,300	2,100	2,200	1,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,700	1,300	1,300	1,400	3,300	3,400	3,300	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	16,300	16,400	16,200	7,600	7,800	7,400	18,600	19,100	18,400	12,100	12,500	11,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,700	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,800	4,900	4,700	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	14,400	14,500	14,200	5,900	6,000	5,900	21,500	21,600	20,600	11,900	11,900	11,600
Government	9,500	9,500	9,200	4,800	4,900	4,800	12,900	13,000	12,400	9,900	9,800	9,600

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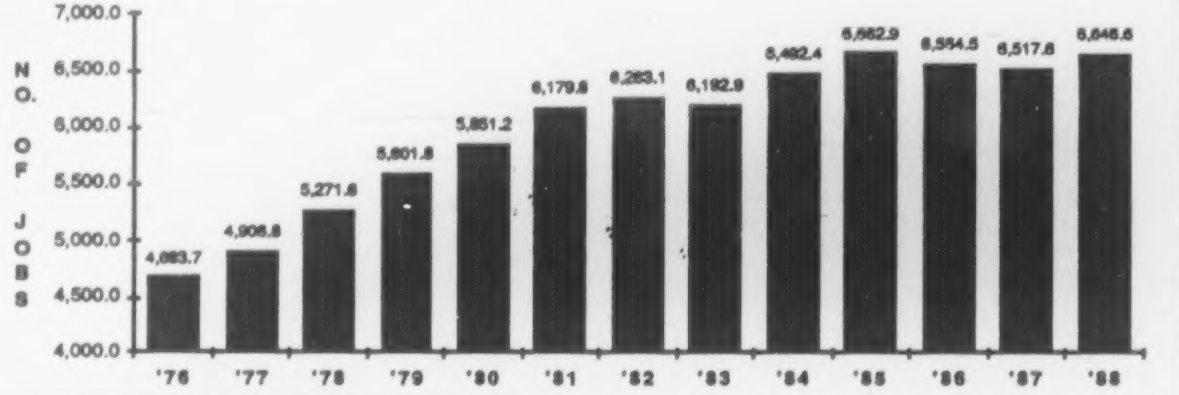
CHART 1
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
STATE OF TEXAS
Ann. Avgs. 1976 - 1988
(In Thousands)



mid-January 1989, there were an estimated 6,697,400 **Nonfarm Salaried Jobs** in Texas, down 57,600 from December but almost 196,000 above the January 1988 level. Since most of the over-the-month changes were seasonal, a look at annual average employment for 1987 and 1988 may provide more insight into changes in the State's economy.

Texas employers created close to 130,000 jobs between 1987 and 1988, bringing the Nonfarm Salaried Jobs total very close to its peak level recorded in 1985 [see **Chart 1** above]. The expansion was spread through every sector of the State's economy, with the exception of Construction, which continued to decline in 1988.

Over half of the growth was concentrated in **Services**, which generated 73,600 additional positions between 1987 and 1988. Two-thirds of this increase were in Health Services and in Business and Repair Services. Health Services, which gained more jobs than any other industry, recorded a growth rate of seven percent over the year. This industry is one of the strongest, both Statewide and Nationally, due to the proliferation of health care providers and to the needs of the ever-increasing older population.

Employment in Business and Repair Services has doubled in the last decade as the way Texas firms do business has changed. Technological breakthroughs have made computers accessible to even small companies, and computer services comprise a large part of Business Services. Another factor which has affected this sector is the increasing use of temporary workers rather than permanent employees for some jobs. Temporary help agencies are a sector of Business Services.

Government recorded strong increases over the past year, gaining almost 32,000 jobs. More than 75 percent of the growth was concentrated in the educational sector of local government, in schools and colleges. State Government also expanded moderately, while the Federal sector remained basically unchanged.

Manufacturing exhibited unusually vigorous growth in 1988, as employers created 26,500 positions over the year. Most of the increase was generated by the **Durable Goods** sector. Two industries within this group were responsible for a majority of this gain — Nonelectrical Machinery and Transportation Equipment.

Nonelectrical Machinery registered one of the strongest percentage growth rates from 1987 and 1988, at 14 percent. This industry increased by 7,900 jobs over the year, due to increased demand for both oil field equipment and computer components. Transportation Equipment has shown steady gains since 1983, due mostly to defense contracts for aircraft and parts. Between 1987 and 1988, this sector increased by 5,500 jobs.

Scattered small gains in several **Nondurable Goods** industries pushed this group up by 4,600 jobs over the year. The largest increases were in Apparel and Other

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88**	Chg. from Dec. '88	Chg. from Jan. '88
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,697,400**	**6,755,000**	**6,501,600**	**-57,600**	**195,800**
MANUFACTURING	**964,000**	**966,400**	**946,400**	**-2,400**	**17,600**
Durable Goods	**556,900**	**558,100**	**545,100**	**-1,200**	**11,800**
Lumber & Wood Products	33,500	33,700	33,100	-200	400
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	7,100	7,100	-100	-100
Furniture & Fixtures	16,100	16,300	16,500	-200	-400
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	41,700	41,800	41,400	-100	300
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	17,300	17,400	17,800	-100	-500
Primary Metal Industries	28,200	28,400	28,100	-200	100
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,400	77,400	73,300	0	4,100
Fabr. Structural Metal Prod.	36,600	36,500	35,300	100	1,300
Machinery, exc. Electrical	105,400	105,400	103,400	0	2,000
Oil Field Machinery	25,000	25,300	24,700	-300	300
Electric & Electronic Equipment	117,100	117,400	117,200	-300	-100
Transportation Equipment	98,600	98,800	95,400	-200	3,200
Aircraft & Parts	56,800	56,800	54,600	0	2,200
Instruments & Related Prod.	24,300	24,100	23,400	200	900
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	14,600	14,800	13,300	-200	1,300
Nondurable Goods	**407,100**	**408,300**	**401,300**	**-1,200**	**5,800**
Food & Kindred Products	97,400	98,500	96,100	-1,100	1,300
Meat Products	28,500	29,000	28,700	-500	-200
Dairy Products	4,500	4,500	4,600	0	-100
Bakery Products	9,900	10,000	9,600	-100	300
Malt Beverages	2,900	2,900	3,100	0	-200
Textile Mill Products	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	57,500	57,100	56,500	400	1,000
Paper & Allied Products	25,100	25,300	23,700	-200	1,400
Printing & Publishing	75,200	75,000	73,700	200	1,500
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,600	35,400	36,200	200	-600
Chemicals & Allied Products	77,400	77,200	75,400	200	2,000
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,500	28,600	30,600	-100	-2,100
Petroleum Refining	25,300	25,300	27,300	0	-2,000
Leather & Leather Products	8,200	8,500	7,600	-300	600
Other Nondurable Goods	34,000	34,300	33,900	-300	100
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,733,400**	**5,788,600**	**5,555,200**	**-55,200**	**178,200**
Mining	**180,100**	**181,700**	**186,000**	**-1,600**	**-5,900**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,100	9,200	10,000	-100	-900
Oil & Gas Extraction	171,000	172,500	176,000	-1,500	-5,000
Construction	**310,400**	**317,000**	**317,700**	**-6,600**	**-7,300**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**393,200**	**396,800**	**378,200**	**-3,600**	**15,000**
Railroad Transportation	19,200	19,600	20,800	-400	-1,600
Transportation, exc. Railroads	217,200	219,400	199,100	-2,200	18,100
Transportation by Air	66,800	66,500	56,400	300	10,400
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	81,100	81,600	82,300	-500	-1,200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,700	76,200	76,000	-500	-300
Electric Services	40,700	40,700	41,500	0	-800
Gas Production & Distribution	27,300	27,700	27,100	-400	200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,659,900**	**1,689,700**	**1,618,100**	**-29,800**	**41,800**
Wholesale Trade	413,400	414,000	405,700	-600	7,700
Retail Trade	1,246,500	1,275,700	1,212,400	-29,200	34,100
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	41,900	42,600	41,500	-700	400
General Merchandise Stores	173,200	184,200	164,400	-11,000	8,800
Food Stores	224,000	225,900	219,600	-1,900	4,400
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	134,700	135,600	134,200	-900	500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	85,100	90,100	84,900	-5,000	200
Eating & Drinking Places	404,800	409,000	386,100	-4,200	18,700
Other Retail Trade	182,800	188,300	181,700	-5,500	1,100
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**440,300**	**440,400**	**435,100**	**-100**	**5,200**
Banking	96,800	96,400	93,000	400	3,800
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	141,400	141,500	139,100	-100	2,300
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	202,100	202,500	203,000	-400	-900
Services	**1,543,800**	**1,549,300**	**1,456,600**	**-5,500**	**87,200**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	80,700	81,600	80,300	-900	400
Personal Services	85,700	86,100	83,300	-400	2,400
Business & Repair Services	432,900	434,400	403,100	-1,500	29,800
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	54,300	55,400	48,800	-1,100	5,500
Health Services	429,800	427,400	401,400	2,400	28,400
Educational Services	74,900	77,000	75,800	-2,100	-900
Other Services & Miscellaneous	385,500	387,400	363,900	-1,900	21,600
Total Government	**1,205,700**	**1,213,700**	**1,163,500**	**-8,000**	**42,200**
Federal Government	199,800	199,200	195,200	600	4,600
State Government	238,600	244,500	235,800	-5,900	2,800
Local Government	767,300	770,000	732,500	-2,700	34,800

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**
		ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN	
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,500	54,000	52,700	96,500	97,800	96,400	419,500	423,300	422,900
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,000	4,000	6,500	5,200	6,500	25,400	21,200	29,300
Percent Unemployed	6.9%	5.6%	7.6%	6.7%	5.3%	6.7%	6.1%	5.0%	6.9%
Total Employment ++	49,800	51,000	48,700	90,000	92,600	89,900	394,100	402,100	393,600
		BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN	
Total Civilian Labor Force	161,400	161,600	160,200	82,300	82,700	80,400	93,000	97,500	96,900
Total Unemployment	17,600	14,100	19,100	6,600	5,400	7,700	12,400	10,500	16,300
Percent Unemployed	10.9%	8.7%	11.9%	8.0%	6.5%	9.6%	13.3%	10.8%	16.8%
Total Employment ++	143,800	147,500	141,100	75,700	77,300	72,700	80,600	87,000	80,600
		BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***	
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,700	59,700	54,500	155,300	155,500	155,900	1,429.8	1,447.4	1,426.9
Total Unemployment	3,200	2,300	2,900	14,100	11,700	17,500	84.6	70.3	91.3
Percent Unemployed	5.6%	3.9%	5.3%	9.1%	7.5%	11.2%	5.9%	4.9%	6.4%
Total Employment ++	53,500	57,400	51,600	141,200	143,800	138,400	1,345.2	1,377.1	1,335.6
		EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY	
Total Civilian Labor Force	238,600	241,100	235,900	675,700	681,400	672,900	103,700	104,800	107,000
Total Unemployment	26,300	23,200	27,200	42,100	34,900	46,700	9,100	7,300	11,700
Percent Unemployed	11.0%	9.6%	11.5%	6.2%	5.1%	6.9%	8.8%	7.0%	10.9%
Total Employment ++	212,300	217,900	208,700	633,600	646,500	626,200	94,600	97,500	95,300
		HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,612.4	1,627.9	1,582.4	94,800	95,200	91,800	49,000	48,800	47,300
Total Unemployment	106.2	87.6	126.8	8,100	6,800	7,500	7,400	6,100	8,000
Percent Unemployed	6.6%	5.4%	8.0%	8.5%	7.1%	8.2%	15.1%	12.5%	16.9%
Total Employment ++	1,506.2	1,540.3	1,455.6	86,700	88,400	84,300	41,600	42,700	39,300
		LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION	
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,800	78,700	78,300	112,100	115,300	110,700	162,200	162,200	154,000
Total Unemployment	7,600	6,000	8,100	6,100	6,000	6,700	30,000	26,000	30,200
Percent Unemployed	9.6%	7.6%	10.3%	5.4%	5.2%	6.1%	18.5%	16.0%	19.6%
Total Employment ++	71,200	72,700	70,200	106,000	109,300	104,000	132,200	136,200	123,800
		MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,800	49,300	49,200	52,300	52,400	53,500	44,400	45,100	44,200
Total Unemployment	3,200	2,600	3,700	4,600	3,500	4,500	3,000	2,400	2,700
Percent Unemployed	6.6%	5.3%	7.5%	8.8%	6.7%	8.4%	6.8%	5.3%	6.1%
Total Employment ++	45,600	46,700	45,500	47,700	48,900	49,000	41,400	42,700	41,500
		SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA	
Total Civilian Labor Force	600,000	606,300	595,400	47,600	48,000	48,600	57,100	57,500	57,000
Total Unemployment	48,000	40,200	50,000	3,300	2,800	3,800	4,800	3,800	4,800
Percent Unemployed	8.0%	6.6%	8.4%	6.9%	5.8%	7.8%	8.4	6.6	8.4
Total Employment ++	552,000	566,100	545,400	44,300	45,200	44,800	52,300	53,700	52,200
		TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	73,800	74,400	74,400	35,200	35,200	36,100	91,700	93,500	91,800
Total Unemployment	5,600	4,800	6,200	2,400	1,900	3,000	6,000	5,500	8,200
Percent Unemployed	7.6%	6.5%	8.3%	6.8%	5.4%	8.3%	6.5%	5.9%	8.9%
Total Employment ++	68,200	69,600	68,200	32,800	33,300	33,100	85,700	88,000	83,600
		WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***	
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,900	57,400	56,600				8,188.1	8,265.9	8,138.6
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,100	4,400				621.8	515.2	680.6
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	5.4%	7.8%				7.6%	6.2%	8.4%
Total Employment ++	53,200	54,300	52,200				7,566.3	7,750.7	7,458.0

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✦

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Jan.'89*	Dec.'88	Jan.'88	Jan.'89*	Dec.'88	Jan.'88	Jan.'89*	Dec.'88	Jan.'88
				FOR TEXAS					
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 417.73	$ 427.06	$ 415.07	41.4	42.2	41.8	$ 10.09	10.12	9.93
Durable Goods	419.09	427.70	412.15	41.7	42.6	41.8	10.05	10.04	9.86
Lumber & Wood Products	295.30	297.05	294.26	40.9	41.2	40.2	7.22	7.21	7.32
Furniture & Fixtures	263.74	277.95	236.43	39.6	41.3	37.0	6.66	6.73	6.39
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	392.89	398.04	386.98	41.4	42.3	41.7	9.49	9.41	9.28
Primary Metal Industries	454.57	447.95	452.63	41.1	41.4	42.5	11.06	10.82	10.65
Fabricated Metal Products	386.38	401.78	386.61	42.6	44.2	43.1	9.07	9.09	8.97
Machinery, exc. Electric	438.18	447.62	432.43	43.6	44.1	43.2	10.05	10.15	10.01
Oil Field Machinery	503.08	525.08	511.21	45.2	46.1	45.2	11.13	11.39	11.31
Electric & Electronic Equip.	452.79	459.90	417.64	41.2	42.0	39.7	10.99	10.95	10.52
Transportation Equipment	545.24	557.60	556.26	41.4	42.5	43.8	13.17	13.12	12.70
Instruments & Related Prod.	383.66	385.69	372.02	40.3	40.9	41.8	9.52	9.43	8.90
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	271.49	281.24	280.82	38.4	39.5	38.0	7.07	7.12	7.39
Nondurable Goods	415.74	428.22	418.25	41.0	41.9	41.7	10.14	10.22	10.03
Food & Kindred Products	341.96	357.33	352.77	41.4	43.0	42.4	8.26	8.31	8.32
Meat Products	262.28	260.83	264.77	40.6	41.8	41.5	6.46	6.24	6.38
Malt Beverages	886.15	916.70	797.90	47.9	49.1	44.7	18.50	18.67	17.85
Textile Mill Products	355.94	350.52	343.98	45.4	45.7	46.8	7.84	7.67	7.35
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	209.91	203.30	202.95	38.8	38.0	36.9	5.41	5.35	5.50
Paper & Allied Products	470.24	490.50	477.49	43.3	45.0	44.5	10.86	10.90	10.73
Printing & Publishing	376.66	397.45	374.57	37.0	38.7	38.3	10.18	10.27	9.78
Chemicals & Allied Products	672.24	688.90	676.02	42.9	43.3	44.3	15.67	15.91	15.26
Petroleum & Coal Products	697.22	717.55	675.84	44.1	45.3	44.0	15.81	15.84	15.36
Petroleum Refining	728.97	752.96	704.11	44.1	45.8	44.2	16.53	16.44	15.93
Leather & Leather Products	231.80	249.15	213.56	38.0	39.8	38.9	6.10	6.26	5.49
Other Nondurable Goods	395.45	397.98	396.45	43.6	43.4	45.0	9.07	9.17	8.81
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	521.42	525.71	511.66	40.8	41.2	41.7	12.78	12.76	12.27
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	492.05	522.82	557.69	43.2	44.8	45.9	11.39	11.67	12.15
Oil & Gas Extraction	522.93	526.44	508.39	40.6	41.0	41.4	12.88	12.84	12.28
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	498.23	491.38	495.51	39.2	38.6	39.8	12.71	12.73	12.45
Elec., Gas & San. Services	493.29	480.27	483.63	39.4	38.7	41.8	12.52	12.41	11.57
Wholesale & Retail Trade	233.74	236.76	225.78	32.6	33.3	31.8	7.17	7.11	7.10
Wholesale Trade	406.06	404.24	390.64	39.5	39.4	39.3	10.28	10.26	9.94
Retail Trade	181.48	187.11	175.23	30.5	31.5	29.5	5.95	5.94	5.94
General Merchandise Stores	174.34	191.75	163.06	29.7	32.5	25.8	5.87	5.90	6.32
Banking	291.73	268.60	268.99	39.8	37.1	38.1	7.33	7.24	7.06

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 414.29	$ 424.20	$ 401.14	41.1	42.0	41.1	$ 10.08	$ 10.10	9.76
Durable Goods	445.36	460.10	422.71	41.7	43.0	41.2	10.68	10.70	10.26
Nondurable Goods	362.40	365.62	364.34	40.0	40.4	40.8	9.06	9.05	8.93
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	444.44	449.19	427.00	41.0	41.4	40.9	10.84	10.85	10.44
Durable Goods	466.07	472.04	450.73	41.1	41.7	41.2	11.34	11.32	10.94
Nondurable Goods	391.94	394.63	371.57	40.7	40.6	40.3	9.63	9.72	9.22
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	501.40	524.70	494.31	43.6	45.0	43.9	11.50	11.66	11.26
Durable Goods	438.82	450.96	423.20	45.1	46.3	43.9	9.73	9.74	9.64
Nondurable Goods	579.21	614.43	576.84	41.7	43.3	44.0	13.89	14.19	13.11
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	299.25	299.77	293.72	39.9	39.6	38.8	7.50	7.57	7.57
Durable Goods	328.20	320.77	319.02	39.4	38.6	39.0	8.33	8.31	8.18
Nondurable Goods	273.51	280.67	270.97	40.4	40.5	38.6	6.77	6.93	7.02

Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ✦ Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Finished Textile Products, Chemicals and Allied Products, and Printing and Publishing. These gains were partially offset by a sizeable decline in Petroleum and Coal Products and a smaller cutback in Food and Kindred Products.

Employers in **Wholesale and Retail Trade** added 9,300 jobs over the year. The Wholesale sector contributed a sizeable portion of the gain, and Retail Trade increased by almost 7,000 jobs. The largest growth occurred in Eating and Drinking Places and in General Merchandise Stores, while the biggest decrease was in Food Stores.

Transportation and Public Utilities generated almost 8,000 jobs between 1987 and 1988. All of the gains were centered in Transportation, except Railroads, with most of this growth produced by Transportation by Air. Other sectors of this group recorded declines over the year.

Mining (primarily **Oil and Gas Extraction**) advanced by over 3,000 jobs in 1988. This increase, however, only pushed employment back up close to the level recorded over a decade ago, in 1978. Employment in this sector is not expected to expand rapidly in the near future.

The only major industry sector which lost jobs between 1987 and 1988 was **Construction**, where employment declined by close to 18,000. Although the decrease in 1988 was moderate compared to sharp cutbacks recorded in 1986 and 1987, the cumulative effect of the downturn has reduced Construction employment to a level close to that recorded in 1976.

In general, Texas experienced a stronger and broader-based economic recovery during 1988 that had been projected. The State's economy has proved to be more resilient than ever before. The lessening of Texas' dependence on oil and gas as the backbone of its economy has intensified the movement toward a more diverse economic base. Texas businesses have created, in one year's time, more jobs than were lost during the worst economic crunch we have experienced in the last decade.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	JAN.'89	JAN.'88
Total Population	16,929,000*	16,833,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.7	1.9
UI Covered Employers	310,713	311,710
Total Claims Actions	613,842	616,670
Total Initial Claims Actions	74,063	76,316
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	539,779	540,354
Total Placements	28,278	22,972
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$153.57	$152.74
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$65,679,340	$67,575,795

*Revised.

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AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS DROP

There were an estimated 622,300 manufacturing production workers in Texas in mid-January 1989, down 1,600 from the December 1988 estimate. The average production worker in January 1989 was working 41.4 hours a week at $10.09 per hour, and earning an average of $417.73 a week. Average Weekly Hours dropped by 0.8 hour between December 1988 and January 1989, while Average Hourly Earnings declined by 3¢. These combined decreases pushed Average Weekly Earnings down by $9.33 over the month.

Although Average Weekly Hours had declined from January 1988 by 0.4 hour, Average Hourly Earnings had risen by 16¢ over the year, pushing Average Weekly Earnings up a modest $2.66 between January 1988 and January 1989. Average Hours worked decreased over the month and over the year in both the Durable and Nondurable Goods sectors. Average Hourly Earnings inched up by one cent in Durable Goods between December and January, while Nondurable Goods lost 8¢ in hourly wages over the month. Over the year, however, Average Hourly Earnings increased by 19¢ in the Durable Goods sector and by 11¢ in Nondurable Goods.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is an indicator which tracks the monthly price of a "marketbasket of goods" for the Nation as a whole and for specific metropolitan areas. The "goods" included in the survey include housing, fuel, food, entertainment, apparel, medical care services, and many other household expenses. The CPI is a tool used by the U. S. Department of Labor for analyzing changes in the purchasing power of the dollars we spend. The base period currently used for the index is an average for the period 1982-1984. The base period was changed to the current time period in January 1988.

The only two areas within the State of Texas for which CPI data are available are the Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston CMSA's (Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Areas). Data for these Texas areas are published only bi-monthly. No CPI data are available for the State as a whole. As recently as 1987, the CPI for the Dallas-Fort Worth CMSA was higher than the U. S. CPI. As the after-effects of the oil and gas and construction downturns spread through the State, however, the CPI for both Texas areas slid downward [see **CPI Chart** on **page 3**]. They have been gradually moving upward again in the past few months.

UNEMPLOYMENT SLIPS DOWNWARD

The Statewide actual unemployment rate declined moderately over the month, dropping to 7.3 percent in February from the January rate of 7.6 percent. The current rate was over a percentage point below the February 1988 rate of 8.7 percent. There were an estimated 594,000 jobless Texans in mid-February 1989, and total employment was estimated at 7,556,500. Total employment dropped slightly over the month but continued to be well above the year-ago level. There were an estimated 190,900 agricultural workers in Texas in February, according to the Current Population Survey.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Feb. '89	Jan.'89	Feb.'88
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	121,906.0	122,095.0	119,942.0
Unemployment	6,883.0	7,309.0	7,482.0
Percent Unemployed	5.6%	6.0%	6.2%
Total Employment	115,023.0	114,786.0	112,460.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	123,181.0	123,427.0	121,165.0
Unemployment	6,328.0	6,716.0	6,892.0
Percent Unemployed	5.1%	5.4%	5.7%
Total Employment	116,853.0	116,711.0	114,273.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,150.5	8,188.1	8,184.4
Unemployment	594.0	621.8	715.5
Percent Unemployed	7.3%	7.6%	8.7%
Total Employment	7,556.5	7,566.3	7,468.9
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,254.0	8,303.0	8,289.0
Unemployment	551.0	590.0	673.0
Percent Unemployed	6.7%	7.1%	8.1%
Total Employment	7,703.0	7,713.0	7,616.0

Much of the over-the-month decrease in both employment and unemployment was due to a common occurrence in February — the voluntary withdrawal from the labor force of seasonal workers after their Christmas jobs are deleted. Many of these workers do not want permanent work and leave the labor force when they are released from their holiday jobs.

The seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate also declined somewhat, from 7.1 percent in January to 6.7 percent in February. The February 1989 rate in this series was also considerably below the year-ago rate of 8.1 percent. The seasonally adjusted U. S. rate dropped from 5.4 percent in January to 5.1 percent in February, down from 5.7 percent a year earlier. The actual rate for the Nation slid from 6.0 percent in

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	FEB.'89*	JAN.'89**	FEB.'88**	FEB.'89*	JAN.'89**	FEB.'88**	FEB.'89*	JAN.'89**	FEB.'88**	FEB.'89*	JAN.'89**	FEB.'88**
	ABILENE			**AMARILLO**			**AUSTIN**			**BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR**		
TOTAL	49,600	49,900	48,200	78,700	78,000	76,500	354,600	352,400	353,300	132,500	132,600	129,300
Manufacturing	5,000	4,900	4,700	9,200	9,000	9,900	41,100	41,100	40,500	25,100	25,100	24,000
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,100	1,300	1,300	1,400	700	700	800	1,800	1,800	1,700
Construction	1,900	2,100	1,800	3,500	3,400	3,300	13,400	13,400	14,400	8,700	8,600	7,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,400	2,400	2,400	5,600	5,500	5,500	10,400	10,500	10,500	9,700	9,600	9,700
Trade	13,600	13,900	13,100	22,400	22,300	21,600	75,800	75,900	76,500	31,900	32,100	31,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400	4,200	4,200	4,600	24,000	24,200	24,600	5,200	5,200	5,200
Services & Misc.	13,000	13,100	13,100	16,900	16,300	16,300	85,200	84,400	83,600	29,500	29,700	29,100
Government	9,000	9,000	8,600	13,600	13,500	13,900	104,000	102,200	102,400	20,600	20,500	20,400
	BRAZORIA			**BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN**			**BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION**			**CORPUS CHRISTI**		
TOTAL	60,300	60,000	57,600	69,600	69,500	66,500	50,700	48,100	48,800	124,700	124,700	122,900
Manufacturing	15,700	15,700	15,400	10,000	9,900	9,800	3,400	3,400	3,400	11,400	11,400	11,300
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,200	–	–	–	600	800	600	4,500	4,500	4,000
Construction	7,300	7,400	5,600	2,200	2,100	2,000	1,800	1,900	1,800	8,100	8,200	7,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,700	2,600	3,100	3,100	3,000	1,400	1,400	1,500	6,400	6,400	7,100
Trade	11,000	11,100	10,700	18,200	18,300	17,100	10,700	10,300	10,400	30,900	31,000	30,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,600	3,600	3,500	1,700	1,800	1,600	7,000	7,000	6,800
Services & Misc.	8,400	8,300	8,100	15,700	15,600	14,500	8,900	9,000	8,600	28,400	28,600	28,200
Government	11,300	11,000	11,000	17,000	16,900	16,600	22,200	19,900	21,100	28,000	27,600	27,700
	DALLAS ***			**EL PASO**			**FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON**			**GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY**		
TOTAL	1,338.2	1,341.2	1,328.1	195,600	195,300	190,700	527,700	527,400	519,700	70,500	69,800	71,700
Manufacturing	221.7	222.4	222.1	40,100	40,000	40,000	121,500	120,700	118,700	8,200	8,200	8,400
Mining	17.5	17.6	18.7	–	–	–	4,100	4,100	3,600	500	500	600
Construction	48.9	50.0	57.2	8,700	8,800	9,000	21,800	22,100	22,900	4,900	4,800	5,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	92.1	91.9	89.8	10,800	10,600	10,400	30,900	30,800	29,900	4,600	4,500	4,900
Trade	348.2	348.2	338.2	46,800	46,900	45,000	135,100	135,400	136,000	13,500	13,400	13,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	127.1	127.5	130.1	8,400	8,400	8,700	26,600	26,600	26,800	4,100	4,100	4,200
Services & Misc.	331.9	331.6	321.8	38,900	38,900	36,800	118,200	118,300	113,500	13,700	13,600	13,300
Government	152.8	152.0	150.2	42,100	41,700	40,800	69,500	69,400	68,300	21,000	20,700	21,600
	HOUSTON ***			**KILLEEN-TEMPLE**			**LAREDO**			**LONGVIEW-MARSHALL**		
TOTAL	1,455.5	1,452.5	1,408.3	71,900	71,300	69,500	39,000	39,000	36,600	65,800	66,100	64,300
Manufacturing	156.6	156.2	152.1	8,500	8,400	7,700	1,800	1,900	1,700	15,800	15,800	15,600
Mining	66.5	66.7	64.2	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,600	3,700	3,700
Construction	85.5	85.5	84.1	3,700	3,500	3,200	1,100	1,100	1,100	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	100.1	100.4	98.2	2,800	2,700	2,700	5,100	5,000	4,600	3,100	3,000	3,000
Trade	359.9	362.3	346.4	16,200	16,200	15,900	11,700	11,600	10,500	16,800	17,100	16,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	99.9	99.9	101.0	2,900	2,900	2,900	1,500	1,500	1,700	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	390.1	386.2	372.5	16,500	16,400	15,400	6,200	6,400	6,100	12,200	12,200	11,800
Government	196.9	195.3	189.8	21,200	21,100	21,600	9,700	9,600	8,900	8,500	8,500	8,500
	LUBBOCK			**MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION**			**MIDLAND**			**ODESSA**		
TOTAL	94,800	93,800	91,700	100,600	100,400	92,300	44,100	44,400	44,200	42,400	42,500	43,500
Manufacturing	7,800	7,700	7,100	14,700	14,800	12,100	2,800	2,800	2,700	4,000	3,900	4,100
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	900	9,700	9,900	10,200	5,600	5,700	6,300
Construction	3,200	3,200	2,900	4,200	4,100	3,900	1,400	1,300	1,200	1,700	1,800	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4,800	4,700	4,600	3,100	3,100	3,000	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	27,800	27,600	27,200	31,800	31,800	28,200	9,700	9,900	9,800	12,600	12,700	12,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,300	3,700	3,700	3,800	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	23,600	23,100	22,100	16,200	16,300	15,400	9,500	9,600	9,500	7,200	7,200	7,000
Government	21,900	21,600	22,100	28,000	25,700	25,000	6,600	6,500	6,300	7,500	7,400	7,800
	SAN ANGELO			**SAN ANTONIO**			**SHERMAN-DENISON**			**TEXARKANA**		
TOTAL	36,700	36,400	36,500	503,000	501,500	495,300	36,800	37,100	37,400	44,900	44,900	44,700
Manufacturing	5,500	5,400	5,400	47,400	47,100	47,000	10,900	11,100	11,200	7,500	7,500	7,500
Mining	500	500	500	2,000	2,100	2,500	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,400	1,400	1,500	22,600	22,500	26,800	1,600	1,700	1,600	1,300	1,500	1,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,200	19,000	18,900	19,000	1,900	1,800	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,800
Trade	9,100	9,200	9,200	126,100	127,500	124,300	7,700	8,000	7,600	10,400	10,400	10,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	39,600	39,600	38,600	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,100	8,100	8,000	126,300	124,600	121,500	8,500	8,300	8,600	9,500	9,500	9,000
Government	7,300	7,000	6,900	120,000	119,200	115,600	4,400	4,400	4,500	12,400	12,200	12,300
	TYLER			**VICTORIA**			**WACO**			**WICHITA FALLS**		
TOTAL	60,700	60,500	59,800	27,700	27,100	27,500	80,200	79,300	78,200	50,700	50,800	49,600
Manufacturing	10,600	10,500	10,600	3,000	3,000	3,100	14,900	14,700	14,600	8,000	8,000	8,100
Mining	2,000	2,000	1,800	1,300	1,300	1,800	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	1,900
Construction	2,000	2,000	1,900	1,400	1,500	1,500	3,600	3,600	3,300	2,000	2,100	1,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,500	1,400	1,300	1,400	3,300	3,300	3,300	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	15,900	16,200	15,900	7,700	7,700	7,400	18,700	18,600	18,400	12,000	12,100	11,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,700	1,600	1,600	1,500	4,800	4,800	4,700	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	14,900	14,500	14,100	6,200	6,000	6,000	21,800	21,300	21,100	11,900	11,900	11,700
Government	9,400	9,400	9,300	5,100	4,700	4,800	13,000	12,900	12,700	10,000	9,900	9,600

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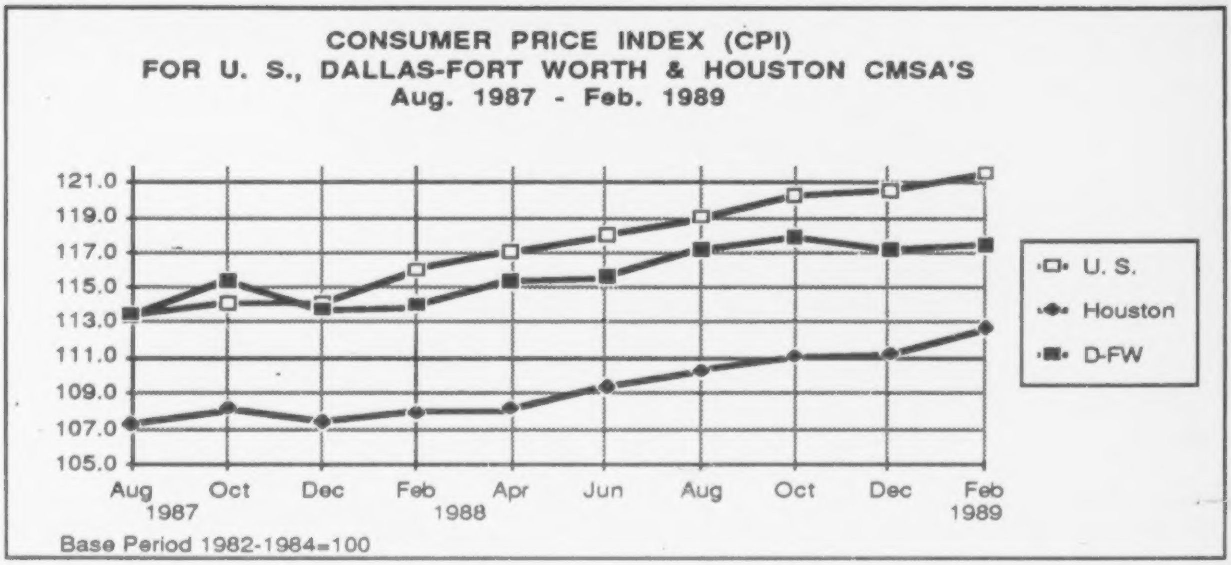

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI)
FOR U. S., DALLAS-FORT WORTH & HOUSTON CMSA'S
Aug. 1987 - Feb. 1989

Base Period 1982-1984=100

January to 5.6 percent in February. The year-ago actual U. S. rate was 6.2 percent.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS UP SEASONALLY

The number of Nonagricultural Wage and Salary jobs in Texas rose by 9,700 in February, due primarily to seasonal hiring in educational facilities for the spring semester. In mid-February, there were an estimated 6,702,500 **Nonfarm Salaried Jobs** in Texas — up over 150,000 from the February 1988 total. Seasonal losses in Trade and Construction, combined with a sizeable decline in Mining, held the over-the-month growth to a moderate level.

State and Local Government each gained close to 6,000 jobs due to staffing at schools and colleges in February. Federal Government recorded a modest number of accessions during the month. These increases gave **Government** a total of 12,200 additional jobs in February.

The other industry group which benefitted from hiring for the semester's opening was Educational Services. Another sector of **Services** which advanced over the month was Health Services, where hospitals and doctors' offices both expanded to handle flu cases. Health Services continues to show stronger growth than any other single industry sector in Texas.

Other Services and Miscellaneous, which includes civic and fraternal associations, usually begins expanding in early spring as preparations for outdoor activities such as baseball get underway. The only Service category to record a loss in February was Business and Repair Services. Some of the decline in this sector was due to icy weather in February, which caused some businesses to close temporarily.

Only one additional nonmanufacturing group increased in February — **Transportation and Public Utilities** gained 1,900 jobs. All of the growth in this sector has been generated by Transportation, except Railroads, as the other three components remained constant over the month. During the past year, Communication had declined by 1,000 jobs, while Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services had increased by only 200 positions.

Employers in **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate** deleted 1,000 jobs in February. The losses occurred primarily in the Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate category. This sector includes Finance, other than Banks, which lost 700 jobs, and Real Estate Agents and Managers, where 600 positions were cut.

Mining declined by 2,400 jobs in February as layoffs occurred in Oil and Gas Extraction. Scattered post-Christmas layoffs in the Retail sector pushed employment in **Trade** down by 6,600 over the month. The largest decreases were in General Merchandise Stores, in Food Stores, and in Apparel and Accessory Stores. Most of these declines were seasonal, as workers hired for the Christmas season were laid off. The only noteable upturn in Retail Trade was in Eating and Drinking Places. Wholesale Trade also gained a sizeable number of new jobs over the month.

The largest downturn between January and February was in **Construction**, where 6,700 jobs were deleted. Losses were spread through every sector of Construction, as bad weather curtailed most outdoor activities. Although the decreases

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TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Feb. '89*	Jan. '89**	Feb. '88**	Chg. from Jan. '89	Chg. from Feb. '88
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,702,500**	**6,692,800**	**6,551,300**	**9,700**	**151,200**
MANUFACTURING	**965,400**	**964,100**	**948,000**	**1,300**	**17,400**
Durable Goods	**556,600**	**556,500**	**547,400**	**100**	**9,200**
Lumber & Wood Products	33,000	33,300	33,100	-300	-100
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,100	7,000	7,100	100	0
Furniture & Fixtures	16,000	16,100	16,300	-100	-300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	41,200	41,300	41,200	-100	0
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	17,000	17,200	17,800	-200	-800
Primary Metal Industries	28,300	28,300	28,200	0	100
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,600	77,600	73,900	0	3,700
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	36,900	36,700	35,300	200	1,600
Machinery, exc. Electrical	106,100	105,800	104,200	300	1,900
Oil Field Machinery	24,900	25,000	24,900	-100	0
Electric & Electronic Equipment	116,500	116,800	117,100	-300	-600
Transportation Equipment	98,600	98,400	96,000	200	2,600
Aircraft & Parts	56,700	56,700	54,700	0	2,000
Instruments & Related Prod.	24,500	24,300	23,800	200	700
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	14,800	14,600	13,600	200	1,200
Nondurable Goods	**408,800**	**407,600**	**400,600**	**1,200**	**8,200**
Food & Kindred Products	97,400	98,000	95,000	-600	2,400
Meat Products	28,700	28,900	28,700	-200	0
Dairy Products	4,500	4,500	4,600	0	-100
Bakery Products	9,700	9,900	9,500	-200	200
Malt Beverages	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	57,500	57,200	56,700	300	800
Paper & Allied Products	25,300	25,200	23,900	100	1,400
Printing & Publishing	75,600	75,100	74,000	500	1,600
Newpaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,800	35,600	36,300	200	-500
Chemicals & Allied Products	77,600	77,400	75,400	200	2,200
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,500	28,400	30,200	100	-1,700
Petroleum Refining	25,400	25,300	26,900	100	-1,500
Leather & Leather Products	8,400	8,300	7,700	100	700
Other Nondurable Goods	34,700	34,200	34,000	500	700
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,737,100**	**5,728,700**	**5,603,300**	**8,400**	**133,800**
Mining	**177,400**	**179,800**	**185,000**	**-2,400**	**-7,600**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,100	9,000	9,900	100	-800
Oil & Gas Extraction	168,300	170,800	175,100	-2,500	-6,800
Construction	**302,000**	**308,700**	**322,700**	**-6,700**	**-20,700**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**396,300**	**394,400**	**381,800**	**1,900**	**14,500**
Railroad Transportation	19,000	19,000	20,600	0	-1,600
Transportation, exc. Railroads	220,100	218,300	203,200	1,800	16,900
Transportation by Air	67,900	67,200	59,000	700	8,900
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	81,100	81,000	82,100	100	-1,000
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,100	76,100	75,900	0	200
Electric Services	41,000	41,000	41,300	0	-300
Gas Production & Distribution	27,400	27,400	27,100	0	300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,646,100**	**1,652,700**	**1,615,500**	**-6,600**	**30,600**
Wholesale Trade	414,300	412,800	407,300	1,500	7,000
Retail Trade	1,231,800	1,239,900	1,208,200	-8,100	23,600
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	41,900	41,700	41,900	200	0
General Merchandise Stores	167,400	173,000	159,000	-5,600	8,400
Food Stores	218,600	220,400	220,200	-1,800	-1,600
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	133,200	133,700	134,400	-500	-1,200
Apparel & Accessory Stores	82,600	84,100	82,400	-1,500	200
Eating & Drinking Places	406,600	405,000	392,000	1,600	14,600
Other Retail Trade	181,500	182,000	178,300	-500	3,200
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**438,900**	**439,900**	**436,700**	**-1,000**	**2,200**
Banking	96,700	96,800	93,200	-100	3,500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	141,900	141,300	139,700	600	2,200
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	200,300	201,800	203,800	-1,500	-3,500
Services	**1,557,100**	**1,546,100**	**1,480,500**	**11,000**	**76,600**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	81,600	81,200	80,800	400	800
Personal Services	85,800	85,800	85,000	0	800
Business & Repair Services	435,200	436,300	409,800	-1,100	25,400
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	54,000	53,800	51,400	200	2,600
Health Services	431,900	428,900	404,400	3,000	27,500
Educational Services	77,900	73,700	79,500	4,100	-1,700
Other Services & Miscellaneous	390,800	386,400	369,600	4,400	21,200
Total Government	**1,219,300**	**1,207,100**	**1,181,100**	**12,200**	**38,200**
Federal Government	199,000	198,200	195,800	800	3,200
State Government	247,100	241,500	239,200	5,600	7,900
Local Government	773,200	767,400	746,100	5,800	27,100

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	FEB.'89*	JAN.'89**	FEB.'88**	FEB.'89*	JAN.'89**	FEB.'88**	FEB.'89*	JAN.'89**	FEB.'88**
		ABILENE			**AMARILLO**			**AUSTIN**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,000	53,600	52,900	96,100	96,100	97,100	417,000	418,100	425,300
Total Unemployment	3,600	3,700	4,200	6,000	6,400	6,900	23,500	25,300	30,400
Percent Unemployed	6.8%	6.9%	7.9%	6.2%	6.7%	7.1%	5.6%	6.1%	7.1%
Total Employment ++	49,400	49,900	48,700	90,100	89,700	90,200	393,500	392,800	394,900
		BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			**BRAZORIA**			**BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	159,100	161,200	162,000	81,400	82,000	80,700	97,300	97,400	97,400
Total Unemployment	15,900	17,600	20,400	6,000	6,600	7,900	12,200	12,600	16,000
Percent Unemployed	10.0%	10.9%	12.6%	7.4%	8.0%	9.8%	12.5%	12.9%	16.4%
Total Employment ++	143,200	143,600	141,600	75,400	75,400	72,800	85,100	84,800	81,400
		BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			**CORPUS CHRISTI**			**DALLAS*** **	
Total Civilian Labor Force	58,900	56,600	57,400	154,500	155,000	157,800	1,420.7	1,432.5	1,432.6
Total Unemployment	2,900	3,200	3,100	13,700	14,000	18,600	80.1	84.4	96.3
Percent Unemployed	4.9%	5.7%	5.4%	8.9%	9.0%	11.8%	5.6%	5.9%	6.7%
Total Employment ++	56,000	53,400	54,300	140,800	141,000	139,200	1,340.6	1,348.1	1,336.3
		EL PASO			**FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON**			**GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	238,300	239,200	238,300	672,800	676,200	675,500	103,400	103,400	108,400
Total Unemployment	25,700	26,300	29,400	40,700	42,100	49,500	8,200	9,000	11,400
Percent Unemployed	10.8%	11.0%	12.3%	6.0%	6.2%	7.3%	7.9%	8.7%	10.5%
Total Employment ++	212,600	212,900	208,900	632,100	634,100	626,000	95,200	94,400	97,000
		HOUSTON* **			**KILLEEN-TEMPLE**			**LAREDO**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,599.2	1,607.6	1,593.5	94,300	94,300	92,200	48,200	48,800	47,700
Total Unemployment	99.8	106.0	131.8	7,700	8,100	8,000	6,900	7,500	8,500
Percent Unemployed	6.2%	6.6%	8.3%	8.2%	8.6%	8.7%	14.3%	15.4%	17.8%
Total Employment ++	1,499.4	1,501.6	1,461.7	86,600	86,200	84,200	41,300	41,300	39,200
		LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			**LUBBOCK**			**MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,700	78,600	78,600	112,800	112,400	111,500	162,500	163,300	154,100
Total Unemployment	7,300	7,600	8,600	6,100	6,100	7,100	29,600	30,500	31,400
Percent Unemployed	9.4%	9.7%	10.9%	5.4%	5.4%	6.4%	18.2%	18.7%	20.4%
Total Employment ++	70,400	71,000	70,000	106,700	106,300	104,400	132,900	132,800	122,700
		MIDLAND			**ODESSA**			**SAN ANGELO**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,100	48,500	49,300	51,700	52,400	53,500	44,300	44,400	44,700
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,200	3,800	4,500	4,600	4,800	2,600	3,000	2,900
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	6.6%	7.7%	8.7%	8.8%	9.0%	5.9%	6.8%	6.5%
Total Employment ++	45,000	45,300	45,500	47,200	47,800	48,700	41,700	41,400	41,800
		SAN ANTONIO			**SHERMAN-DENISON**			**TEXARKANA**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	596,600	599,100	599,200	46,800	47,600	48,700	56,700	57,300	57,300
Total Unemployment	45,800	48,000	53,900	3,100	3,300	4,000	4,700	4,800	5,300
Percent Unemployed	7.7%	8.0%	9.0%	6.6%	6.9%	8.2%	8.3	8.4	9.2
Total Employment ++	550,800	551,100	545,300	43,700	44,300	44,700	52,000	52,500	52,000
		TYLER			**VICTORIA**			**WACO**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	73,800	73,800	74,800	35,000	35,100	36,200	91,100	91,400	92,600
Total Unemployment	5,500	5,600	6,600	2,200	2,400	3,100	5,400	5,900	8,100
Percent Unemployed	7.5%	7.6%	8.8%	6.3%	6.8%	8.6%	5.9%	6.5%	8.7%
Total Employment ++	68,300	68,200	68,200	32,800	32,700	33,100	85,700	85,500	84,500
		WICHITA FALLS						**STATE OF TEXAS*** **	
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,700	57,000	56,800				8,150.5	8,188.1	8,184.4
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,700	4,800				594.0	621.8	715.5
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	6.5%	8.5%				7.3%	7.6%	8.7%
Total Employment ++	53,000	53,300	52,000				7,556.5	7,566.3	7,468.9

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✦

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Feb.'89*	Jan.'89	Feb.'88	Feb.'89*	Jan.'89	Feb.'88	Feb.'89*	Jan.'89	Feb.'88
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 415.93	$ 419.15	$ 409.61	41.1	41.5	41.5	$ 10.12	10.10	9.87
Durable Goods	412.05	417.83	408.24	41.0	41.7	41.7	10.05	10.02	9.79
Lumber & Wood Products	295.40	287.12	289.88	41.2	40.1	40.6	7.17	7.16	7.14
Furniture & Fixtures	261.19	262.55	247.68	39.1	39.6	38.7	6.68	6.63	6.40
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	379.69	386.22	384.56	39.8	41.0	41.8	9.54	9.42	9.20
Primary Metal Industries	440.92	453.89	441.60	40.6	41.3	41.7	10.86	10.99	10.59
Fabricated Metal Products	386.62	389.00	373.89	42.3	42.7	42.2	9.14	9.11	8.86
Machinery, exc. Electric	421.68	438.05	424.71	42.0	43.5	42.9	10.04	10.07	9.90
Oil Field Machinery	489.30	511.42	512.09	42.4	45.5	45.6	11.54	11.24	11.23
Electric & Electronic Equip.	438.69	448.78	431.58	39.7	41.4	40.6	11.05	10.84	10.63
Transportation Equipment	544.90	543.17	547.31	41.5	41.4	43.3	13.13	13.12	12.64
Instruments & Related Prod.	388.82	383.80	358.75	40.8	40.7	40.4	9.53	9.43	8.88
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	269.50	276.90	271.93	38.5	39.0	38.3	7.00	7.10	7.10
Nondurable Goods	420.24	419.83	412.17	41.2	41.2	41.3	10.20	10.19	9.98
Food & Kindred Products	343.21	347.76	341.13	41.4	42.0	41.5	8.29	8.28	8.22
Meat Products	267.86	267.07	257.48	41.4	41.6	41.0	6.47	6.42	6.28
Malt Beverages	857.21	892.64	792.93	44.3	45.8	44.9	19.35	19.49	17.66
Textile Mill Products	352.11	355.48	338.18	45.2	45.4	46.2	7.79	7.83	7.32
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	205.74	210.53	203.48	38.1	38.7	37.2	5.40	5.44	5.47
Paper & Allied Products	480.31	473.67	475.64	43.0	43.1	44.0	11.17	10.99	10.81
Printing & Publishing	391.64	395.52	381.54	38.7	38.4	38.5	10.12	10.30	9.91
Chemicals & Allied Products	680.40	666.76	658.59	43.2	42.2	43.5	15.75	15.80	15.14
Petroleum & Coal Products	706.02	703.58	677.82	44.6	44.7	43.9	15.83	15.74	15.44
Petroleum Refining	735.90	731.58	704.88	44.6	44.5	44.0	16.50	16.44	16.02
Leather & Leather Products	242.61	233.93	209.44	40.1	38.1	38.5	6.05	6.14	5.44
Other Nondurable Goods	392.16	396.89	392.40	43.0	43.0	45.0	9.12	9.23	8.72
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	523.71	514.56	517.90	40.1	40.2	41.8	13.06	12.80	12.39
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	489.52	495.63	547.01	42.2	43.4	44.8	11.60	11.42	12.21
Oil & Gas Extraction	525.48	516.00	516.26	39.9	40.0	41.6	13.17	12.90	12.41
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	507.13	504.90	496.31	39.9	39.6	39.8	12.71	12.75	12.47
Elec., Gas & San. Services	489.97	496.94	472.37	39.9	40.6	41.4	12.28	12.24	11.41
Wholesale & Retail Trade	232.73	233.68	225.92	32.1	32.5	32.0	7.25	7.19	7.06
Wholesale Trade	409.51	407.64	389.44	39.3	39.5	39.1	10.42	10.32	9.96
Retail Trade	178.50	180.88	175.22	29.9	30.4	29.8	5.97	5.95	5.88
General Merchandise Stores	169.90	171.70	159.70	28.7	29.2	25.8	5.92	5.88	6.19
Banking	271.22	290.72	273.08	36.9	39.5	38.3	7.35	7.36	7.13

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Feb.'89*	Jan.'89	Feb.'88	Feb.'89*	Jan.'89	Feb.'88	Feb.'89*	Jan.'89	Feb.'88
DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 401.60	$ 414.29	$ 401.70	40.2	41.1	41.2	$ 9.99	$ 10.08	9.75
Durable Goods	422.65	440.02	426.17	40.1	41.2	41.7	10.54	10.68	10.22
Nondurable Goods	368.55	373.10	361.58	40.5	41.0	40.4	9.10	9.10	8.95
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	440.43	444.03	420.97	41.2	41.0	40.4	10.69	10.83	10.42
Durable Goods	461.03	465.97	440.92	41.2	41.2	40.6	11.19	11.31	10.86
Nondurable Goods	391.68	390.83	371.73	41.1	40.5	39.8	9.53	9.65	9.34
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	500.98	513.48	484.16	42.6	44.0	43.5	11.76	11.67	11.13
Durable Goods	412.25	431.73	410.40	42.5	44.6	43.2	9.70	9.68	9.50
Nondurable Goods	610.61	615.73	569.84	42.7	43.3	43.8	14.30	14.22	13.01
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	294.10	296.29	304.55	38.8	39.4	39.5	7.58	7.52	7.71
Durable Goods	329.55	323.65	341.38	39.0	38.9	40.4	8.45	8.32	8.45
Nondurable Goods	262.48	271.44	271.67	38.6	39.8	38.7	6.80	6.82	7.02

Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ✦ Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

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over the month were primarily seasonal in nature, the building industries continue to suffer from an availability of completed housing and office space in most areas of the State. Construction has now lost over 162,000 jobs since its peak, and more than one-third of the Construction jobs which existed in 1984 have been deleted.

Employers in Manufacturing created 1,300 jobs between January and February, with the Nondurable Goods sector contributing almost all of the increase. Although the over-the-month growth was not large, the Manufacturing industries have created over 17,000 jobs since February 1988. There were several moderate month-to-month gains in Durable Goods industries, but most of them were nullified by offsetting small losses. The largest of the increases in Durable Goods was a gain of 300 jobs in Nonelectrical Machinery. Smaller growth was registered in Transportation Equipment and in Instruments and Related Products. Cancelling most of these gains were declines of 300 in Lumber and Wood Products and in Electric and Electronic Equipment. Smaller decreases were also reported in Furniture and Fixtures and in Stone, Clay and Glass Products.

Gains were recorded in every division of Nondurable Goods, with the exception of Food and Kindred Products. This sector lost 600 jobs in February due to post-Holiday layoffs, many of them in Bakery Products. An estimated 500 jobs were added in Printing and Publishing over the month, and another 500 positions were created in the Other Nondurable Goods category. Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products gained 300 jobs. Smaller increases were noted in Chemicals and Allied Products, in Petroleum and Coal Products, in Paper and Allied Products, and in Leather and Leather Products. Employment in Textile Mill Products remained unchanged over the past month.

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS DECLINE, HOURLY EARNINGS RISE

The number of Manufacturing production workers in Texas rose by 700 between January and February, totaling 622,400 in mid-February. The average production worker in February was working a 41.1-hour week at $10.12 per hour, and earning an average of $415.93 per week. Average Weekly Hours dropped by 0.4 hour over the month, but Average Hourly Earnings rose by 2¢ in February. The decline in average hours worked was more substantial than the small rise in earnings, pushing Average Weekly Earnings down by $3.22 over the month.

The Durable Goods sector was primarily responsible for the decline in Average Weekly Hours, as the average for this group of industries dropped by 0.7 hour. Durable Goods also generated most of the over-the-month increase in Hourly Earnings.

Average Weekly Hours had also dropped by 0.4 hour from a year ago, but Average Hourly Earnings had risen by 25¢ over the year. Even though the number of hours worked declined, the increase in hourly wages pushed the Average Weekly Earnings up by $6.32 from February 1988 to February 1989.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	JAN.'89	JAN.'88
Total Population	16,937,000*	16,841,300*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.8	2.0
UI Covered Employers	311,578	313,962
Total Claims Actions	558,845	612,133
Total Initial Claims Actions	57,876	68,047
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	500,969	544,086
Total Placements	24,406	24,611
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$153.79	$152.44
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$62,085,835	$69,316,268

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

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UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES SHARPLY

The Statewide actual unemployment rate dropped a full percentage point between February and March, to 6.3 percent in mid-March. The current rate was two percentage points below the year-ago rate of 8.3 percent. There were an estimated 518,000 jobless Texans in March 1989, down 76,000 from the February total and over 150,000 below the number of unemployed in March 1988. Total employment was estimated at 7,641,600 in March 1989, up substantially both over the month and over the year. There were an estimated 188,300 agricultural workers in Texas in March, according to the Current Population Survey.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also decreased over the month, but not as dramatically as the actual rate. The March rate in this series was 6.0 percent, down from 6.7 percent in February and 7.9 percent a year ago. The U. S. seasonally adjusted rate inched downward from 5.1 percent in February to 5.0 percent in March, while the actual rate for the Nation declined from 5.6 percent to 5.2 percent over the past month.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS INCREASE

The number of **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Jobs** in Texas rose by almost 28,000 between February and March. Growth was reported in every major industry sector in March, although some sectors recorded only moderate increases.

The largest gains occurred in **Services**, which rose by 7,700. Business and Repair Services generated about half of the total over-the-month increase, with 3,600 additional jobs. Most of that advance was in Business Services, where inventory and tax return season required additional temporary help. The advent of tax season also pushed employment up in Personal Services. Amusements, including Motion Pictures, gained a substantial number of jobs in March, due to an acceleration in outdoor activities. Only one industry group within Services recorded a downturn — Health Services lost 500 jobs during the month.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Mar. '89	Feb. '89	Mar. '88
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	122,222.0	121,906.0	119,957.0
Unemployment	6,378.0	6,883.0	7,090.0
Percent Unemployed	5.2%	5.6%	5.9%
Total Employment	115,844.0	115,023.0	112,867.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	123,264.0	123,181.0	120,936.0
Unemployment	6,128.0	6,328.0	6,807.0
Percent Unemployed	5.0%	5.1%	5.6%
Total Employment	117,136.0	116,853.0	114,129.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,159.5	8,150.5	8,138.7
Unemployment	517.9	594.0	671.8
Percent Unemployed	6.3%	7.3%	8.3%
Total Employment	7,641.6	7,556.5	7,466.9
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,283.0	8,254.0	8,254.0
Unemployment	495.0	551.0	649.0
Percent Unemployed	6.0%	6.7%	7.9%
Total Employment	7,788.0	7,703.0	7,605.0

Construction had its best month since this time last year, with the addition of over 6,000 jobs in March. Even with this sizeable increase, however, total jobs in Construction were still close to 20,000 below the year-ago level. As shown on **Chart 1**, page 3, employment in Construction dipped in the latter half of 1987, rose slightly in the first half of 1988, then slid downward again through 1988. There were fewer Construction jobs in February 1989 than at any time in over ten years. March marked the first upturn this sector has seen in 1989.

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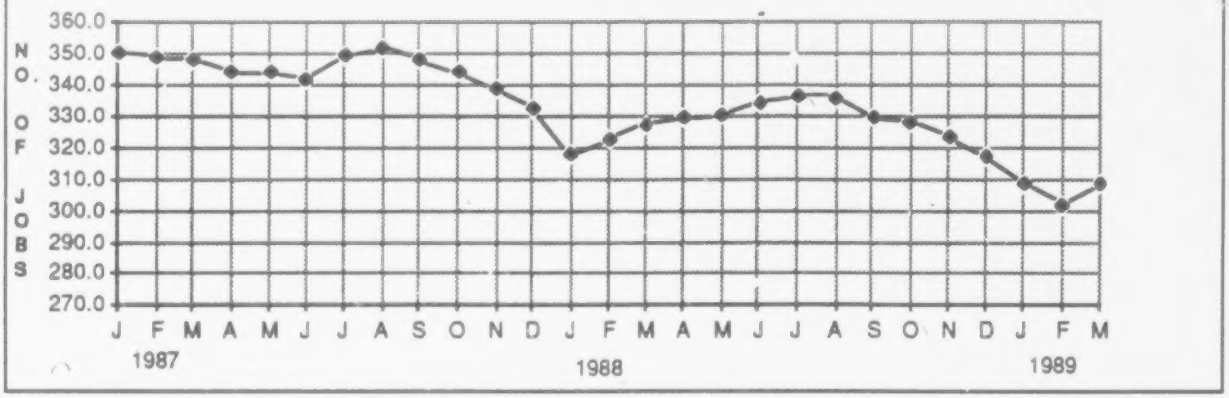
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	MAR.'89*	FEB.'89**	MAR.'88**	MAR.'89*	FEB.'89**	MAR.'88**	MAR.'89*	FEB.'89**	MAR.'88**	MAR.'89*	FEB.'89**	MAR.'88**
	ABILENE			**AMARILLO**			**AUSTIN**			**BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR**		
TOTAL	49,200	49,700	48,600	76,700	76,700	77,300	354,700	354,100	355,600	133,500	132,400	130,100
Manufacturing	5,000	5,000	4,700	9,000	9,100	10,000	41,100	41,200	40,400	25,400	25,100	24,400
Mining	1,900	2,000	2,200	1,400	1,300	1,300	700	700	800	1,800	1,800	1,700
Construction	2,000	2,000	1,900	3,800	3,600	3,500	13,100	13,300	14,400	9,100	8,700	7,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,300	2,400	2,400	5,600	5,800	5,600	10,500	10,400	10,700	9,600	9,600	9,400
Trade	13,500	13,800	13,100	22,200	22,300	21,800	75,300	75,600	77,200	32,200	31,900	31,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400	4,200	4,200	4,500	24,000	24,000	24,500	5,100	5,200	5,200
Services & Misc.	13,000	13,000	13,100	16,900	16,900	16,300	85,700	86,000	84,400	29,600	29,500	29,400
Government	9,000	9,000	8,600	13,600	13,700	14,300	104,300	103,900	103,200	20,700	20,800	20,400
	BRAZORIA			**BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN**			**BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION**			**CORPUS CHRISTI**		
TOTAL	60,600	60,400	58,100	70,600	69,800	67,700	50,900	50,900	49,300	126,100	125,100	124,000
Manufacturing	16,000	15,700	15,400	9,900	10,000	9,800	3,300	3,400	3,400	11,400	11,400	11,400
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,300	–	–	–	600	600	600	4,500	4,500	3,900
Construction	7,400	7,400	5,900	2,200	2,200	2,100	1,900	1,800	1,700	8,400	8,100	8,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,800	2,700	3,100	3,100	3,200	1,400	1,400	1,500	6,400	6,400	6,500
Trade	11,100	11,000	10,800	18,600	18,200	17,700	10,700	10,700	10,500	31,200	31,000	31,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,700	3,600	3,800	1,700	1,700	1,600	7,100	7,000	6,800
Services & Misc.	8,400	8,400	8,100	16,000	15,700	14,700	9,100	9,200	8,800	29,000	28,600	28,600
Government	11,300	11,300	10,900	17,100	17,000	16,600	22,200	22,100	21,200	28,100	28,100	27,600
	DALLAS ***			**EL PASO**			**FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON**			**GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY**		
TOTAL	1,342.1	1,337.6	1,338.6	195,500	195,200	192,000	532,700	529,500	523,500	71,300	70,300	71,200
Manufacturing	221.1	221.9	222.7	40,000	40,100	40,500	121,400	121,900	119,100	8,400	8,300	8,400
Mining	17.4	17.5	18.8	–	–	–	4,100	4,100	3,800	500	500	600
Construction	49.9	48.1	56.7	8,900	8,700	9,100	21,900	21,800	23,000	5,000	4,900	4,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	92.5	91.9	90.2	10,600	10,600	10,500	31,000	30,900	29,600	4,600	4,600	4,500
Trade	347.6	346.9	340.7	47,100	46,600	45,100	136,800	136,600	136,500	13,900	13,400	13,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	126.8	127.0	130.0	8,400	8,500	8,700	26,700	26,600	27,000	4,000	4,100	4,300
Services & Misc.	333.5	331.2	328.2	39,000	39,000	37,600	120,700	119,100	115,800	13,900	13,600	13,500
Government	153.3	153.1	151.3	41,500	41,700	40,500	70,100	69,500	68,700	21,000	20,900	21,700
	HOUSTON ***			**KILLEEN-TEMPLE**			**LAREDO**			**LONGVIEW-MARSHALL**		
TOTAL	1,462.1	1,464.0	1,420.7	71,700	71,800	69,600	38,900	38,800	37,000	65,700	65,700	65,100
Manufacturing	157.3	158.4	152.8	8,400	8,500	7,600	1,700	1,800	1,600	15,500	15,700	15,800
Mining	66.7	68.3	64.7	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,600	3,600	3,600
Construction	87.4	85.5	84.8	3,500	3,600	3,400	1,200	1,100	1,200	3,000	2,900	3,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	100.6	100.2	102.2	2,800	2,800	2,700	5,100	5,100	4,700	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	362.0	359.3	349.4	16,300	16,200	15,800	11,600	11,600	10,600	17,100	17,000	16,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	99.6	99.5	101.4	2,900	2,900	2,900	1,500	1,500	1,700	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	391.4	390.3	377.2	16,300	16,500	15,600	6,100	6,100	6,100	12,100	12,100	11,800
Government	197.1	198.5	188.2	21,400	21,200	21,500	9,800	9,700	9,100	8,600	8,600	8,500
	LUBBOCK			**MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION**			**MIDLAND**			**ODESSA**		
TOTAL	94,900	94,800	92,400	100,500	100,700	94,100	44,100	44,200	44,800	42,400	42,300	43,500
Manufacturing	7,500	7,500	7,100	14,300	14,800	12,700	2,500	2,600	2,600	4,000	3,900	4,100
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	900	9,700	9,700	10,300	5,600	5,600	6,200
Construction	3,200	3,200	3,000	4,200	4,200	4,000	1,300	1,400	1,300	1,700	1,700	2,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4,800	4,800	4,700	3,100	3,100	3,000	2,300	2,300	2,400	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	27,700	27,800	27,700	32,100	31,800	29,100	9,700	9,700	9,900	12,600	12,600	12,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,500	5,200	3,700	3,800	3,800	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	23,600	23,600	22,600	16,300	16,200	15,600	9,600	9,500	9,600	7,200	7,200	7,000
Government	22,100	22,000	21,700	25,900	25,900	25,000	6,700	6,700	6,400	7,500	7,500	7,800
	SAN ANGELO			**SAN ANTONIO**			**SHERMAN-DENISON**			**TEXARKANA**		
TOTAL	36,900	36,900	36,600	507,300	503,800	499,500	37,000	36,900	37,600	45,400	45,100	44,800
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,500	47,400	47,400	47,600	11,000	11,000	11,200	7,400	7,400	7,400
Mining	500	500	500	1,900	2,000	2,500	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,400	1,400	1,500	22,200	22,200	26,400	1,800	1,600	1,700	1,500	1,500	1,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,200	19,000	18,900	19,000	1,900	1,900	2,000	2,000	1,900	1,800
Trade	9,300	9,300	9,100	127,200	126,200	125,000	7,800	7,700	7,600	10,600	10,400	10,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	39,800	39,600	39,200	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,100	8,100	8,100	128,000	126,300	123,600	8,400	8,500	8,700	9,500	9,500	9,100
Government	7,300	7,300	6,900	121,800	121,200	116,200	4,300	4,400	4,500	12,400	12,400	12,400
	TYLER			**VICTORIA**			**WACO**			**WICHITA FALLS**		
TOTAL	60,800	60,700	60,100	27,800	27,600	27,800	80,200	80,400	78,900	50,500	50,600	50,300
Manufacturing	10,700	10,700	10,600	3,000	3,000	3,100	14,800	14,900	14,500	8,000	7,900	8,100
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,300	1,200	1,800	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	2,000
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,400	1,400	1,600	3,500	3,600	3,400	2,100	2,000	1,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	3,400	3,400	3,300	2,500	2,600	2,600
Trade	15,800	15,800	15,900	7,700	7,700	7,500	18,600	18,800	18,700	12,100	12,000	11,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,600	1,600	1,600	1,500	4,800	4,800	4,800	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	14,900	14,800	14,300	6,200	6,200	6,000	22,000	21,800	21,400	11,800	11,900	11,900
Government	9,600	9,600	9,400	5,200	5,100	4,900	13,000	13,000	12,700	9,800	10,000	9,700

✚ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
* Preliminary - subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

CHART 1
EMPLOYMENT IN CONSTRUCTION
STATE OF TEXAS
Jan. 1987 - Mar. 1989 (Prel.)



Over 5,000 jobs were created within **Government** in March, with most of the growth centered in Local Government. Much of the gain was due to final auxilitary staffing of local schools and colleges for the spring semester. Federal Government rose in preparation for income tax deadlines.

Both **Wholesale and Retail Trade** showed substantial expansion over the month, adding 5,000 additional jobs. The Wholesale sector gained 1,500 positions in March, and all but one sector of Retail Trade expanded. Eating and Drinking Places recorded the largest of the Retail increases, with 1,200 jobs created over the month. General Merchandise Stores benefitted from Easter sales; while Building Materials and Garden Supplies registered a seasonal upturn. Only Food Stores, with a decline of 100 jobs, had lower employment in March.

Transportation, except Railroads, gained 1,300 jobs over the month, due primarily to increased business in Trucking and Warehousing. This growth provided most of the expansion recorded in March in **Transportation and Public Utilities**. Communication and Utilities were basically unchanged from February levels.

Employment rose moderately over the month in **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate**, with some job gains in every sector. Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers increased by 500 jobs in March. An equal-sized gain occurred in Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate; and Banking recorded a smaller advance.

Oil and Gas Extraction experienced a modest increase, pushing **Mining** up slightly despite a small decline in Metal and Coal and Nonmetallic Minerals, except Fuel. Although Mining has made some small gains, it still has far to go to even equal its year-ago employment levels.

Manufacturing experienced only moderate job growth in March, with 1,100 additional positions. During the past year, however, almost 14,000 Manufacturing jobs have been created in Texas. Most of the over-the-month advance was concentrated in the Nondurable Goods sector, as Durable Goods managed only a minor upturn. This has been the pattern for the past few months, with equal or stronger growth occurring in Nondurable Goods.

Within the **Durable Goods** segment, the largest gain was in Nonelectrical Machinery, where increased business required 900 more jobs in March. Other increases in this sector were more modest, but fairly widespread. Stone, Clay and Glass Products, along with Furniture and Fixtures and Fabricated Metal Industries, eked out a cautious advance over the month.

Two downturns occurred within Durable Goods in March. Electric and Electronic Equipment lost 1,000 jobs, as a major contractor began releasing workers to reduce costs through early retirements and voluntary terminations. A smaller decline occurred in Transportation Equipment, which lost 300 jobs over the month.

Gains and losses were also somewhat interspersed in the **Nondurable Goods** sector, which had a net gain of 900 jobs. The largest of the increases occurred in Apparel and Other

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TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Mar. '89*	Feb. '89**	Mar. '88**	Feb. '89	Mar. '88
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,732,700**	**6,704,800**	**6,599,100**	**27,900**	**133,600**
MANUFACTURING	**965,900**	**964,800**	**952,000**	**1,100**	**13,900**
Durable Goods	**556,800**	**556,600**	**549,300**	**200**	**7,500**
Lumber & Wood Products	33,000	33,200	33,400	-200	-400
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,100	7,100	7,200	0	-100
Furniture & Fixtures	16,200	16,000	16,300	200	-100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	41,500	41,200	41,700	300	-200
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	17,300	17,000	18,000	300	-700
Primary Metal Industries	28,300	28,300	28,300	0	0
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,700	77,600	73,700	100	4,000
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	36,900	36,900	35,000	0	1,900
Machinery, exc. Electrical	107,200	106,300	104,900	900	2,300
Oil Field Machinery	25,300	25,000	25,300	300	0
Electric & Electronic Equipment	115,500	116,500	116,400	-1,000	-900
Transportation Equipment	98,100	98,400	96,200	-300	1,900
Aircraft & Parts	56,300	56,700	54,700	-400	1,600
Instruments & Related Prod.	24,500	24,500	24,100	0	400
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	14,800	14,600	14,300	200	500
Nondurable Goods	**409,100**	**408,200**	**402,700**	**900**	**6,400**
Food & Kindred Products	96,500	97,100	96,200	-600	300
Meat Products	28,600	28,600	28,500	0	100
Dairy Products	4,500	4,500	4,700	0	-200
Bakery Products	9,600	9,700	9,700	-100	-100
Malt Beverages	2,800	2,900	3,000	-100	-200
Textile Mill Products	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	58,300	57,600	56,600	700	1,700
Paper & Allied Products	25,200	25,300	24,000	-100	1,200
Printing & Publishing	75,300	75,500	74,700	-200	600
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,600	35,800	36,700	-200	-1,100
Chemicals & Allied Products	78,100	77,800	76,700	300	1,400
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,400	28,300	28,800	100	-400
Petroleum Refining	25,300	25,200	25,500	100	-200
Leather & Leather Products	8,300	8,200	7,700	100	600
Other Nondurable Goods	35,200	34,600	34,300	600	900
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,766,800**	**5,740,000**	**5,647,100**	**26,800**	**119,700**
Mining	**177,500**	**177,300**	**185,900**	**200**	**-8,400**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	8,900	9,100	10,000	-200	-1,100
Oil & Gas Extraction	168,600	168,200	175,900	400	-7,300
Construction	**308,400**	**302,200**	**327,600**	**6,200**	**-19,200**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**397,000**	**395,600**	**385,200**	**1,400**	**11,800**
Railroad Transportation	19,000	19,000	20,900	0	-1,900
Transportation, exc. Railroads	220,800	219,500	206,500	1,300	14,300
Transportation by Air	68,200	67,900	62,600	300	5,600
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	81,100	81,000	81,900	100	-800
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,100	76,100	75,900	0	200
Electric Services	41,200	41,000	41,100	200	100
Gas Production & Distribution	27,200	27,400	27,200	-200	0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,647,900**	**1,642,900**	**1,629,600**	**5,000**	**18,300**
Wholesale Trade	415,300	413,800	409,400	1,500	5,900
Retail Trade	1,232,600	1,229,100	1,220,200	3,500	12,400
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	42,400	41,700	43,600	700	-1,200
General Merchandise Stores	167,400	166,500	159,300	900	8,100
Food Stores	216,600	216,700	220,700	-100	-4,100
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	133,300	133,200	135,600	100	-2,300
Apparel & Accessory Stores	83,600	83,500	82,900	100	700
Eating & Drinking Places	407,400	406,200	401,000	1,200	6,400
Other Retail Trade	181,900	181,300	177,100	600	4,800
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**439,700**	**438,500**	**437,900**	**1,200**	**1,800**
Banking	96,900	96,700	93,900	200	3,000
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	142,200	141,700	140,100	500	2,100
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	200,600	200,100	203,900	500	-3,300
Services	**1,567,600**	**1,559,900**	**1,498,300**	**7,700**	**69,300**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	83,300	82,600	81,600	700	1,700
Personal Services	87,700	86,900	86,000	800	1,700
Business & Repair Services	439,400	435,800	415,500	3,600	23,900
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	55,000	53,800	53,800	1,200	1,200
Health Services	431,700	432,200	407,200	-500	24,500
Educational Services	79,000	78,200	79,500	800	-500
Other Services & Miscellaneous	391,500	390,400	374,700	1,100	16,800
Total Government	**1,228,700**	**1,223,600**	**1,182,800**	**5,100**	**46,100**
Federal Government	200,000	199,200	194,900	800	5,100
State Government	249,300	248,800	240,100	500	9,200
Local Government	779,400	775,600	747,600	3,800	31,800

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	MAR.'89*	FEB.'89**	MAR.'88**	MAR.'89*	FEB.'89**	MAR.'88**	MAR.'89*	FEB.'89**	MAR.'88**
		ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN	
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,900	53,200	52,400	95,700	96,100	96,600	416,900	416,100	424,100
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,600	4,000	5,000	6,000	6,300	20,800	23,300	29,100
Percent Unemployed	5.9%	6.8%	7.6%	5.2%	6.2%	6.5%	5.0%	5.6%	6.9%
Total Employment ++	49,800	49,600	48,400	90,700	90,100	90,300	396,100	392,800	395,000
		BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN	
Total Civilian Labor Force	158,900	159,400	159,300	82,000	81,700	79,900	97,300	97,700	96,400
Total Unemployment	13,500	15,800	18,300	5,200	5,900	7,500	10,700	12,500	14,500
Percent Unemployed	8.5%	9.9%	11.5%	6.3%	7.2%	9.4%	11.0%	12.8%	15.0%
Total Employment ++	145,400	143,600	141,000	76,800	75,800	72,400	86,600	85,200	81,900
		BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***	
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,200	59,000	57,200	156,200	154,400	157,300	1,420.8	1,417.0	1,427.9
Total Unemployment	2,600	2,800	2,800	12,300	13,600	17,100	70.5	79.1	90.7
Percent Unemployed	4.4%	4.7%	4.9%	7.9%	8.8%	10.9%	5.0%	5.6%	6.4%
Total Employment ++	56,600	56,200	54,400	143,900	140,800	140,200	1,350.3	1,337.9	,337.2
		EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY	
Total Civilian Labor Force	236,900	237,900	236,300	675,600	673,400	672,200	103,200	103,100	106,700
Total Unemployment	22,900	25,700	27,100	34,900	40,200	47,000	6,900	8,100	10,900
Percent Unemployed	9.7%	10.8%	11.5%	5.2%	6.0%	7.0%	6.7%	7.9%	10.2%
Total Employment ++	214,000	212,200	209,200	640,700	633,200	625,200	96,300	95,000	95,800
		HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,607.6	1,601.1	1,583.7	94,000	94,600	91,400	48,100	49,000	47,200
Total Unemployment	88.1	99.3	123.4	6,500	7,800	7,800	6,100	7,600	8,100
Percent Unemployed	5.5%	6.2%	7.8%	6.9%	8.2%	8.5%	12.7%	15.5%	17.2%
Total Employment ++	1,519.5	1,501.8	1,460.3	87,500	86,800	83,600	42,000	41,400	39,100
		LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION	
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,900	78,100	77,300	114,200	112,600	111,100	158,200	163,900	153,800
Total Unemployment	6,500	7,300	7,800	6,800	6,100	6,700	24,800	31,300	30,200
Percent Unemployed	8.3%	9.3%	10.1%	6.0%	5.4%	6.0%	15.7%	19.1%	19.6%
Total Employment ++	71,400	70,800	69,500	107,400	106,500	104,400	133,400	132,600	123,600
		MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,100	48,200	48,700	51,400	51,500	53,000	44,500	44,500	44,200
Total Unemployment	2,600	3,100	3,500	4,000	4,500	4,500	2,300	2,600	2,800
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	6.4%	7.2%	7.8%	8.7%	8.5%	5.2%	5.8%	6.3%
Total Employment ++	45,500	45,100	45,200	47,400	47,000	48,500	42,200	41,900	41,400
		SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA	
Total Civilian Labor Force	597,800	596,300	595,600	47,600	46,800	48,400	56,800	56,700	57,000
Total Unemployment	39,900	45,500	50,000	3,400	3,100	3,600	4,100	4,700	5,000
Percent Unemployed	6.7%	7.6%	8.4%	7.1%	6.6%	7.4%	7.2%	8.3%	8.8%
Total Employment ++	557,900	550,800	545,600	44,200	43,700	44,800	52,700	52,000	52,000
		TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,000	74,200	73,800	35,500	35,100	35,800	91,300	91,300	91,300
Total Unemployment	4,700	5,500	6,100	2,200	2,200	2,800	4,700	5,400	7,400
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	7.4%	8.3%	6.2%	6.3%	7.8%	5.1%	5.9%	8.1%
Total Employment ++	69,300	68,700	67,700	33,300	32,900	33,000	86,600	85,900	83,900
		WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***	
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,400	56,500	56,400				8,159.5	8,150.5	8,138.7
Total Unemployment	3,400	3,700	4,300				517.9	594.0	671.8
Percent Unemployed	6.0%	6.5%	7.6%				6.3%	7.3%	8.3%
Total Employment ++	53,000	52,800	52,100				7,641.6	7,556.5	7,466.9

+ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✚

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Mar.'89*	Feb.'89	Mar.'88	Mar.'89*	Feb.'89	Mar.'88	Mar.'89*	Feb.'89	Mar.'88
				FOR TEXAS					
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 424.09	$ 415.11	$ 412.98	41.7	41.1	41.8	$ 10.17	10.10	9.88
Durable Goods	420.09	411.64	411.60	41.8	41.0	42.0	10.05	10.04	9.80
Lumber & Wood Products	299.17	297.56	298.87	41.9	41.5	41.8	7.14	7.17	7.15
Furniture & Fixtures	268.77	259.96	251.94	40.6	38.8	39.0	6.62	6.70	6.46
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	396.16	376.80	396.68	42.1	40.0	42.7	9.41	9.42	9.29
Primary Metal Industries	447.12	441.32	448.33	41.4	40.6	41.9	10.80	10.87	10.70
Fabricated Metal Products	384.68	386.20	376.98	42.6	42.3	42.5	9.03	9.13	8.87
Machinery, exc. Electric	425.27	421.10	428.67	42.4	41.9	43.3	10.03	10.05	9.90
Oil Field Machinery	507.24	489.47	514.28	44.3	42.6	46.0	11.45	11.49	11.18
Electric & Electronic Equip.	447.12	435.81	427.11	40.5	39.8	40.6	11.04	10.95	10.52
Transportation Equipment	575.94	547.94	554.51	43.5	41.7	43.8	13.24	13.14	12.66
Instruments & Related Prod.	368.45	393.72	357.48	38.5	40.8	39.5	9.57	9.65	9.05
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	267.62	268.16	259.00	37.8	38.2	37.0	7.08	7.02	7.00
Nondurable Goods	428.28	420.43	414.59	41.5	41.3	41.5	10.32	10.18	9.99
Food & Kindred Products	351.53	339.07	344.32	41.7	41.0	42.3	8.43	8.27	8.14
Meat Products	263.91	259.03	253.08	41.3	40.6	41.9	6.39	6.38	6.04
Malt Beverages	939.90	857.21	878.20	48.2	44.3	48.6	19.50	19.35	18.07
Textile Mill Products	336.42	352.56	330.86	44.5	45.2	45.2	7.56	7.80	7.32
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	206.98	209.13	201.45	38.4	38.8	37.1	5.39	5.39	5.43
Paper & Allied Products	492.05	480.31	474.79	43.2	43.0	43.8	11.39	11.17	10.84
Printing & Publishing	405.08	391.93	391.45	39.1	38.5	39.5	10.36	10.18	9.91
Chemicals & Allied Products	706.22	679.54	662.92	44.5	43.2	43.3	15.87	15.73	15.31
Petroleum & Coal Products	690.03	711.45	690.40	43.1	45.0	44.2	16.01	15.81	15.62
Petroleum Refining	716.43	742.80	720.32	42.9	45.1	44.3	16.70	16.47	16.26
Leather & Leather Products	229.52	239.27	213.33	38.0	40.9	39.0	6.04	5.85	5.47
Other Nondurable Goods	396.20	391.78	387.63	43.3	43.1	44.2	9.15	9.09	8.77
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	504.11	522.90	496.11	39.6	40.1	40.4	12.73	13.04	12.28
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	506.78	487.52	561.16	43.5	42.1	46.3	11.65	11.58	12.12
Oil & Gas Extraction	503.43	524.29	492.00	39.3	39.9	40.0	12.81	13.14	12.30
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	507.67	519.38	492.35	39.6	40.2	39.2	12.82	12.92	12.56
Elec., Gas & San. Services	486.98	491.20	456.29	39.4	40.0	39.2	12.36	12.28	11.64
Wholesale & Retail Trade	232.88	230.64	225.34	32.3	31.9	32.1	7.21	7.23	7.02
Wholesale Trade	404.29	407.29	386.06	39.1	39.2	38.8	10.34	10.39	9.95
Retail Trade	180.89	176.72	175.80	30.3	29.7	30.0	5.97	5.95	5.86
General Merchandise Stores	174.04	168.70	170.91	29.3	28.4	27.7	5.94	5.94	6.17
Banking	274.17	273.06	250.98	36.9	37.1	35.3	7.43	7.36	7.11

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 418.32	$ 409.85	$ 404.48	41.5	40.7	41.4	$ 10.08	$ 10.07	9.77
Durable Goods	445.17	433.61	424.55	41.8	40.6	41.5	10.65	10.68	10.23
Nondurable Goods	376.07	370.87	370.80	41.1	40.8	41.2	9.15	9.09	9.00
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	447.43	442.74	431.78	41.2	41.3	41.2	10.86	10.72	10.48
Durable Goods	473.93	463.39	453.44	41.5	41.3	41.6	11.42	11.22	10.90
Nondurable Goods	387.32	394.83	379.49	40.6	41.3	40.2	9.54	9.56	9.44
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	518.02	501.73	492.36	43.9	42.7	44.0	11.80	11.75	11.19
Durable Goods	432.46	411.83	416.61	44.4	42.5	43.9	9.74	9.69	9.49
Nondurable Goods	624.67	611.18	580.36	43.2	42.8	44.0	14.46	14.28	13.19
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	292.55	291.07	298.19	38.8	38.4	39.6	7.54	7.58	7.53
Durable Goods	322.82	321.34	324.26	38.8	38.3	39.4	8.32	8.39	8.23
Nondurable Goods	266.08	263.04	275.02	38.9	38.4	39.8	6.84	6.85	6.91

Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ✚ Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Finished Textile Products. This sector added 700 jobs in March. Chemicals and Allied Products gained 300 jobs, and another 600 were added in Other Nondurable Goods.

On the minus side, 600 jobs were lost over the month in Food and Kindred Products, as layoffs occurred in several different sectors. Printing and Publishing decreased by 200 jobs in March, and smaller losses were registered in Paper and Allied Products.

AVERAGE HOURS & EARNINGS RISE

The average number of hours worked per week and average hourly earnings for Manufacturing production workers in Texas both rose between February and March. There were an estimated 625,900 Manufacturing production workers in the State in March, up 3,400 from the February total. In mid-March, the average Manufacturing production worker worked a 41.7-hour week, making $10.17 per hour. Average Weekly Earnings for March were $424.09.

Average Hourly Earnings increased by 7¢ over the month, while Average Weekly Hours rose by 0.6 hour. The combination of higher hourly wages and a longer work week pushed Average Weekly Earnings up between February and March by $8.98.

Over the year, Average Weekly Hours had changed little, gaining only 0.1 hour, but Average Hourly Earnings had risen by 29¢, raising Average Weekly Wages by $11.11.

Most of the increase in Average Weekly Hours occurred in the Durable Goods sector, which rose by 0.8 hour over the past month. The rise in Average Hourly Earnings, however, was centered more in the Nondurable Goods sector, where Earnings went up 14¢ between February and March.

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TEC ACTIVITIES

	MAR.'89	MAR.'88
Total Population	16,881,000*	16,821,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.9	2.0
UI Covered Employers	311,159	313,430
Total Claims Actions	616,960	677,906
Total Initial Claims Actions	58,283	66,520
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	558,677	611,386
Total Placements	31,792	30,726
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$154.34	$152.43
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$70,127,671	$79,410,513

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA FIRST QUARTER 1989 (JAN.-MAR.)

Abilene	$1,307,143
Amarillo	2,421,073
Austin	8,602,698
Beaumont-Port Arthur	5,992,625
Brazoria	2,205,938
Brownsville-Harlingen	2,865,795
Bryan-College Station	1,121,881
Corpus Christi	3,991,006
Dallas	31,863,396
El Paso	7,194,615
Fort Worth-Arlington	14,925,155
Galveston-Texas City	2,676,823
Houston	35,080,389
Killeen-Temple	1,972,136
Laredo	1,381,759
Longview-Marshall	2,870,726
Lubbock	1,428,784
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	4,819,684
Midland	1,272,438
Odessa	1,886,853
San Angelo	889,534
San Antonio	13,947,285
Sherman-Denison	1,284,526
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	1,011,929
Tyler	2,007,659
Victoria	678,352
Waco	1,890,248
Wichita Falls	1,450,218
State of Texas	211,526,342

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State Unemployment Rate Rises

The actual Texas unemployment rate climbed from 6.3 percent in March to 7.0 percent in April. The current rate was the same as that recorded a year earlier. In April 1989, there were an estimated 575,900 unemployed in the State, and 7,666,000 Texans were employed. Estimates from the Current Population Survey show that there were approximately 168,500 agricultural workers in Texas in mid-April. Total unemployment rose by 58,000 between March and April, while total employment increased by over 24,000. Although the over-the-month rise in the unemployment rate was sizeable, the March rate was unusually low. The unemployment rate for the first quarter averaged 7.1 percent. Compared to that rate, the April rate is basically unchanged.

The Statewide rate also increased over the month in the seasonally adjusted series. The April seasonally adjusted rate was 7.4 percent, up from 6.0 percent in March and almost identical to the April 1988 rate of 7.5 percent. The U. S. seasonally adjusted rate also rose, although more moderately. The April rate in this series was 5.3 percent, up from 5.0 percent in March but below the 5.5 percent recorded in April 1988. In the actual series, the National unemployment rate inched downward from 5.2 percent in March to 5.1 percent in April, just below March 1988's 5.3 percent.

Seasonal Additions in Nonfarm Jobs

Sizeable advances in Services and Trade helped push the number of **Nonfarm Salaried Jobs** up by over 20,000 between March and April. Although increases in other sectors were not as large, the majority of the major industry groups registered at least moderate growth over the month. While the over-the-month gain was not particularly significant, Texas employers have added over 140,000 jobs between April 1988 and April 1989.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Apr. '89	Mar.'89	Apr.'88
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	122,576.0	122,222.0	120,264.0
Unemployment	6,229.0	6,378.0	6,359.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.1%**	**5.2%**	**5.3%**
Total Employment	116,347.0	115,844.0	113,905.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	123,659.0	123,264.0	121,328.0
Unemployment	6,546.0	6,128.0	6,668.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.3%**	**5.0%**	**5.5%**
Total Employment	117,113.0	117,136.0	114,660.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,241.9	8,159.5	8,204.2
Unemployment	575.9	517.9	574.9
Percent Unemployed	**7.0%**	**6.3%**	**7.0%**
Total Employment	7,666.0	7,641.6	7,629.3
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,350.0	8,283.0	8,305.0
Unemployment	621.0	495.0	619.0
Percent Unemployed	**7.4%**	**6.0%**	**7.5%**
Total Employment	7,729.0	7,788.0	7,686.0

Services alone produced more than half of the State's additional nonagricultural wage and salary positions in April, as this industry gained close to 12,000 jobs. This sector has produced almost 80,000 positions over the past year. Services represented only 16 percent of the total Nonfarm Salaried Jobs in Texas in 1970, but has expanded so rapidly in the 'Eighties that by 1988 it comprised almost one-fourth of all nonfarm jobs [see **Chart 1**, page 3].

Increases were widespread in the Service sector in April, as only Educational Services

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ✦
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

industry	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
	APR.'89*	MAR.'89**	APR.'88**	APR.'89*	MAR.'89**	APR.'88**	APR.'89*	MAR.'89**	APR.'88**	APR.'89*	MAR.'89**	APR.'88**
TOTAL	49,500	49,300	48,700	77,000	76,700	77,700	355,100	354,700	356,100	134,200	133,900	130,800
Manufacturing	4,900	5,000	4,700	9,100	9,000	10,000	40,900	41,100	40,500	25,400	25,500	24,500
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,100	1,300	1,400	1,300	700	700	700	1,900	1,800	1,700
Construction	2,000	2,000	1,900	3,700	3,800	3,500	13,000	13,200	14,200	8,800	9,100	8,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,400	5,500	5,600	5,600	10,400	10,500	10,600	9,700	9,600	9,300
Trade	13,600	13,500	13,400	22,500	22,200	22,000	75,900	75,400	77,300	32,600	32,300	31,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400	4,100	4,200	4,400	23,800	24,000	24,500	5,100	5,100	5,300
Services & Misc.	13,300	13,100	13,100	17,100	16,900	16,500	86,200	85,700	84,500	30,100	29,900	29,700
Government	9,000	9,000	8,700	13,700	13,600	14,400	104,200	104,100	103,800	20,600	20,600	20,400

	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	60,800	60,600	59,000	70,400	70,600	67,900	51,700	51,000	49,500	126,400	125,800	124,800
Manufacturing	15,900	16,000	15,400	10,000	10,100	9,800	3,400	3,300	3,400	11,400	11,400	11,400
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,200	–	–	–	600	600	600	4,400	4,500	4,000
Construction	7,600	7,500	6,600	2,200	2,200	2,000	2,000	1,900	1,900	8,400	8,300	8,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,700	3,100	3,100	3,100	1,400	1,400	1,400	6,400	6,400	6,500
Trade	11,100	11,000	10,900	18,400	18,500	17,800	10,900	10,700	10,800	31,200	31,100	31,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,600	3,700	3,700	1,700	1,700	1,600	7,100	7,100	6,900
Services & Misc.	8,400	8,400	8,200	16,100	16,000	14,800	9,400	9,200	8,700	29,300	28,900	28,800
Government	11,400	11,300	11,000	17,000	17,000	16,700	22,300	22,200	21,100	28,200	28,100	27,900

	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,345.9	1,342.2	1,339.9	195,700	195,500	193,800	535,500	533,000	525,700	72,600	71,500	71,700
Manufacturing	221.2	221.3	222.2	39,500	40,000	40,500	121,000	121,500	119,300	8,500	8,400	8,100
Mining	17.4	17.4	18.7	–	–	–	4,200	4,100	3,700	500	500	600
Construction	49.9	50.4	57.6	8,900	8,900	9,100	22,600	22,000	23,200	5,000	5,100	4,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	93.8	93.4	90.5	10,700	10,600	10,700	31,200	31,000	29,900	4,900	4,600	4,600
Trade	346.5	346.6	341.5	47,000	46,900	45,600	137,600	136,900	136,400	14,300	13,900	14,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	125.9	126.4	130.2	8,500	8,400	8,900	26,900	26,700	26,900	4,200	4,000	4,300
Services & Misc.	337.5	333.4	328.0	39,600	39,200	38,500	122,000	120,800	117,200	14,100	13,900	13,600
Government	153.7	153.3	151.2	41,500	41,500	40,500	70,000	70,000	69,100	21,100	21,100	21,800

	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,464.1	1,460.5	1,418.4	72,100	71,900	70,000	39,500	39,000	36,900	66,400	66,100	66,000
Manufacturing	157.1	156.8	153.0	8,500	8,500	7,800	1,800	1,700	1,600	15,500	15,700	16,100
Mining	66.3	66.5	65.4	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	1,900	3,600	3,600	3,700
Construction	87.8	86.9	85.9	3,700	3,500	3,400	1,200	1,200	1,200	3,300	2,900	3,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	99.9	99.9	98.8	2,700	2,800	2,700	5,200	5,100	4,700	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	362.0	361.2	350.3	16,300	16,300	16,200	11,900	11,700	10,600	17,100	17,000	16,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	99.4	99.6	101.1	2,900	2,900	2,800	1,400	1,500	1,700	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	394.2	392.3	375.5	16,500	16,400	15,600	6,300	6,100	6,100	12,500	12,500	11,900
Government	197.4	197.3	188.4	21,400	21,400	21,400	9,800	9,800	9,100	8,600	8,600	8,500

	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	94,600	94,800	92,300	98,700	100,400	93,100	44,000	43,900	44,700	42,500	42,400	43,200
Manufacturing	7,500	7,400	7,000	14,000	14,300	12,600	2,500	2,500	2,600	4,000	4,000	4,000
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	900	9,600	9,600	10,300	5,600	5,600	6,100
Construction	2,900	3,200	3,000	4,100	4,200	4,000	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,800	1,700	2,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4,900	4,800	4,700	3,100	3,100	3,000	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,200
Trade	27,700	27,700	27,700	30,700	31,900	28,700	9,800	9,700	9,800	12,600	12,600	12,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,400	3,700	3,700	3,700	2,200	2,300	2,300	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	23,600	23,600	22,400	16,400	16,400	15,300	9,700	9,600	9,600	7,200	7,200	7,000
Government	22,000	22,100	21,700	25,800	25,900	24,900	6,600	6,600	6,500	7,500	7,500	7,800

	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	36,500	36,900	36,600	511,300	508,000	501,600	37,100	37,000	37,800	45,400	45,300	44,700
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,500	47,500	47,500	47,900	11,000	11,000	11,300	7,400	7,400	7,300
Mining	500	500	500	2,000	1,900	2,500	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,300	1,400	1,600	22,600	22,500	25,700	1,700	1,800	1,700	1,600	1,500	1,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,900	3,000	3,200	18,900	19,100	18,900	1,900	1,900	2,100	1,900	2,000	1,800
Trade	9,100	9,300	9,000	128,100	127,200	125,900	7,800	7,800	7,900	10,600	10,500	10,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	39,900	39,800	39,200	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,100	8,100	8,100	129,600	128,200	125,300	8,500	8,400	8,600	9,600	9,500	9,300
Government	7,300	7,300	6,900	122,700	121,800	116,200	4,400	4,300	4,400	12,300	12,400	12,100

	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	60,900	61,000	61,000	27,600	27,800	27,700	80,200	80,100	78,300	50,600	50,500	50,800
Manufacturing	10,700	10,800	10,700	3,000	3,000	3,000	15,000	14,800	14,400	8,100	8,000	8,200
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,000	1,300	1,300	1,700	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	2,000
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,500	1,400	1,600	3,500	3,500	3,400	2,100	2,100	2,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,600	1,400	1,400	1,400	3,400	3,400	3,300	2,500	2,500	2,600
Trade	16,000	15,900	15,900	7,600	7,700	7,500	18,800	18,600	18,400	12,100	12,100	11,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,700	1,600	1,600	1,600	4,800	4,800	4,900	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	14,700	14,900	14,600	6,200	6,200	6,000	21,700	21,900	21,000	11,800	11,800	12,000
Government	9,700	9,600	9,500	5,000	5,200	4,900	12,900	13,000	12,800	9,800	9,800	9,800

✦ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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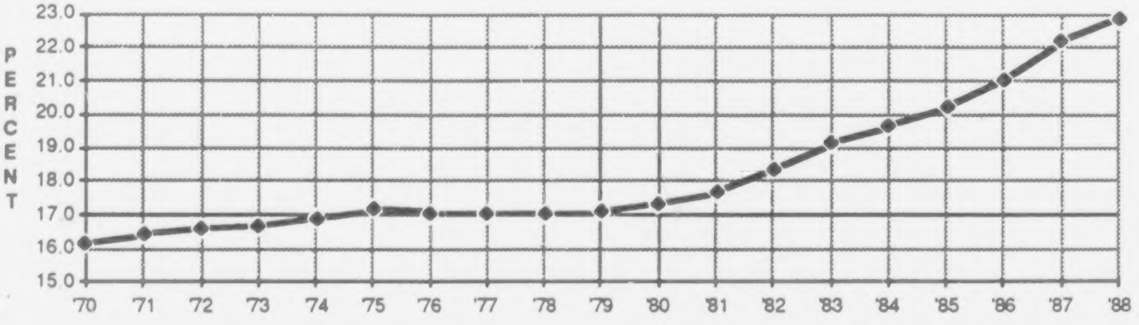
CHART 1
EMPLOYMENT IN SERVICES AS A
PERCENT OF TOTAL W&S EMPLOYMENT
STATE OF TEXAS
Ann. Avgs., 1970-1988



recorded a decline. The largest growth was in Business and Repair Services, which benefitted from the tax preparation season, and in Amusement, including Motion Pictures, where seasonal hiring was ongoing to prepare for spring openings of outdoor amusement parks.. Each of these sectors gained over 3,000 jobs in April.

Other Services and Miscellaneous contributed 2,400 additional jobs in April, as law firms expanded and civic, social and fraternal associations prepared for outdoor summer activities. Health Services increased by more than 1,500 positions, as most segments of that industry expanded. Hotels and Other Lodging Places generated over 1,000 jobs, and Personal Services gained 600 positions.

The other industry group which showed notable growth between March and April was **Trade**, where 7,000 jobs were added. Although Wholesale Trade recorded a moderate number of new jobs, the primary source of the accessions was Retail Trade. Two segments were responsible for most of this increase. Eating and Drinking Places created over 6,000 jobs in April, due to seasonal factors and the general improvement in the State's economy. General Merchandise Stores gained more than 2,000 positions, as spring shopping accelerated.

Building Materials and Garden Supplies was helped by stepped-up outdoor activities,, gaining 400 jobs. Another 400 positions were created among Automotive Dealers and Service Stations in April. A decline of 2,000 in Other Retail Trade was the largest drop experienced within Trade. Smaller losses occurred in Food Stores and in Apparel and Accessory Stores.

Construction recorded its second consecutive month of growth in April, with 2,000 additional jobs. Although this increase was not nearly as large as the gain in March, any upturn in this industry is encouraging. Employment in Construction is still almost 19,000 below the year-ago level.

Just over 1,000 jobs were generated within **Government** over the month. None of the increases was particularly large, but Local Government showed the strongest advance with 700 new jobs. Smaller growth occurred in both State and Federal Government.

Transportation by Air provided the most significant increase in **Transportation and Public Utilities**, with 800 additional positions. A small gain in Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services was offset by a modest decline in Communication, leaving employment in this group up by only 800 jobs in April.

Employment in **Mining**, which has declined every month thus far in 1989, dropped by 1,200 over the month and was almost 9,000 below the year-ago level. Mining and Construction are the only major industry groups which have fewer jobs now than they had one year ago.

The other major industry group which lost jobs in April was **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate**. Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers generated 600 new jobs over the month. This increase, however, was nullified by a drop of 700 in Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, for a loss of 100 jobs overall.

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TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Apr. '89*	Mar. '89**	Apr. '88**	Chg. from Mar. '89	Chg. from Apr. '88
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,755,000	6,733,500	6,614,200	21,500	140,800
MANUFACTURING	964,800	964,800	951,200	0	13,600
Durable Goods	556,400	555,600	551,300	800	5,100
Lumber & Wood Products	32,700	32,900	33,900	-200	-1,200
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,100	7,100	7,100	0	0
Furniture & Fixtures	16,000	16,100	16,300	-100	-300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	41,800	41,400	41,800	400	0
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod	17,400	17,200	17,800	200	-400
Primary Metal Industries	28,400	28,300	28,400	100	0
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,900	77,600	74,400	300	3,500
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	36,800	36,900	35,100	-100	1,700
Machinery, exc. Electrical	106,600	106,600	105,500	0	1,100
Oil Field Machinery	24,800	24,800	25,700	0	-900
Electric & Electronic Equipment	115,600	115,400	116,500	200	-900
Transportation Equipment	98,100	98,200	96,400	-100	1,700
Aircraft & Parts	56,200	56,400	54,800	-200	1,400
Instruments & Related Prod.	24,700	24,500	23,800	200	900
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	14,600	14,600	14,300	0	300
Nondurable Goods	408,400	409,200	399,900	-800	8,500
Food & Kindred Products	95,600	96,700	94,200	-1,100	1,400
Meat Products	28,900	28,800	28,100	100	800
Dairy Products	4,500	4,500	4,700	0	-200
Bakery Products	9,500	9,600	9,600	-100	-100
Malt Beverages	2,800	2,800	3,000	0	-200
Textile Mill Products	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	58,400	58,500	57,300	-100	1,100
Paper & Allied Products	25,100	25,200	24,000	-100	1,100
Printing & Publishing	76,000	75,600	74,700	400	1,300
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc	35,800	35,900	36,400	-100	-600
Chemicals & Allied Products	78,100	78,000	75,600	100	2,500
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,200	28,100	28,700	100	-500
Petroleum Refining	25,100	25,100	25,400	0	-300
Leather & Leather Products	8,100	8,200	7,700	-100	400
Other Nondurable Goods	35,100	35,100	34,000	0	1,100
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	5,790,200	5,768,700	5,663,000	21,500	127,200
Mining	176,000	177,200	184,600	-1,200	-8,600
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	8,800	8,800	9,900	0	-1,100
Oil & Gas Extraction	167,200	168,400	174,700	-1,200	-7,500
Construction	310,400	308,400	329,300	2,000	-18,900
Transportation & Public Utilities	397,400	396,600	387,200	800	10,200
Railroad Transportation	19,100	19,100	21,000	0	-1,900
Transportation, exc. Railroads	221,400	220,500	208,400	900	13,000
Transportation by Air	68,900	68,100	63,600	800	5,300
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	80,700	81,000	81,900	-300	-1,200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,200	76,000	75,900	200	300
Electric Services	41,000	41,000	41,100	0	-100
Gas Production & Distribution	27,300	27,200	27,200	100	100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,654,700	1,647,700	1,637,400	7,000	17,300
Wholesale Trade	416,500	415,900	408,400	600	8,100
Retail Trade	1,238,200	1,231,800	1,229,000	6,400	9,200
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,100	42,700	43,200	400	-100
General Merchandise Stores	169,200	166,900	160,800	2,300	8,400
Food Stores	216,000	216,400	221,000	-400	-5,000
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	133,600	133,200	136,100	400	-2,500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	83,400	83,700	83,200	-300	200
Eating & Drinking Places	413,500	407,400	407,100	6,100	6,400
Other Retail Trade	179,400	181,500	177,600	-2,100	1,800
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	439,500	439,600	438,300	-100	1,200
Banking	96,900	96,900	94,000	0	2,900
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	143,200	142,600	140,200	600	3,000
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	199,400	200,100	204,100	-700	-4,700
Services	1,582,800	1,571,200	1,502,900	11,600	79,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	84,600	83,500	81,100	1,100	3,500
Personal Services	88,300	87,700	86,400	600	1,900
Business & Repair Services	443,800	440,500	418,300	3,300	25,500
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	58,600	55,300	55,800	3,300	2,800
Health Services	434,500	432,800	407,900	1,700	26,600
Educational Services	78,200	79,000	78,800	-800	-600
Other Services & Miscellaneous	394,800	392,400	374,600	2,400	20,200
Total Government	1,229,400	1,228,000	1,183,300	1,400	46,100
Federal Government	200,200	199,900	194,600	300	5,600
State Government	249,500	249,100	240,600	400	8,900
Local Government	779,700	779,000	748,100	700	31,600

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	APR.'89*	MAR.'89**	APR.'88**	APR.'89*	MAR.'89**	APR.'88**	APR.'89*	MAR.'89**	APR.'88**
		ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN	
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,800	53,200	52,600	97,200	96,000	97,900	420,300	416,300	427,400
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,100	3,300	5,600	5,000	5,300	23,700	20,600	24,000
Percent Unemployed	6.9%	5.8%	6.3%	5.8%	5.2%	5.4%	5.6%	4.9%	5.6%
Total Employment ++	50,100	50,100	49,300	91,600	91,000	92,600	396,600	395,700	403,400
		BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN	
Total Civilian Labor Force	162,300	159,800	161,100	83,600	82,200	81,400	99,600	98,200	96,500
Total Unemployment	15,600	13,500	16,400	6,000	5,200	6,600	11,800	10,900	12,700
Percent Unemployed	9.6%	8.4%	10.2%	7.2%	6.3%	8.1%	11.8%	11.1%	13.2%
Total Employment ++	146,700	146,300	144,700	77,600	77,000	74,800	87,800	87,300	83,800
		BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***	
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,700	59,600	58,100	158,200	155,200	159,400	1,428.6	1,414.8	1,443.5
Total Unemployment	2,800	2,600	2,400	14,100	12,100	15,200	79.9	69.6	80.4
Percent Unemployed	4.6%	4.4%	4.1%	8.9%	7.8%	9.5%	5.6%	4.9%	5.6%
Total Employment ++	57,900	57,000	55,700	144,100	143,100	144,200	1,348.7	1,345.2	1,363.1
		EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY	
Total Civilian Labor Force	238,500	236,600	238,300	681,300	673,100	680,700	105,900	103,500	108,200
Total Unemployment	24,600	22,900	23,700	39,400	34,700	41,000	7,900	6,900	9,500
Percent Unemployed	10.3%	9.7%	9.9%	5.8%	5.2%	6.0%	7.5%	6.7%	8.8%
Total Employment ++	213,900	213,700	214,600	641,900	638,400	639,700	98,000	96,600	98,700
		HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,626.4	1,611.8	1,589.1	95,700	94,500	92,400	49,300	48,800	46,400
Total Unemployment	100.0	87.8	106.6	7,600	6,600	6,800	6,600	6,500	6,300
Percent Unemployed	6.1%	5.4%	6.7%	7.9%	7.0%	7.4%	13.4%	13.3%	13.6%
Total Employment ++	1,526.4	1,524.0	1,482.5	88,100	87,900	85,600	42,700	42,300	40,100
		LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION	
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,200	78,300	77,600	112,400	113,700	112,000	158,000	158,900	149,200
Total Unemployment	7,400	6,500	6,500	5,600	6,800	5,700	26,400	26,000	22,900
Percent Unemployed	9.3%	8.3%	8.4%	5.0%	6.0%	5.1%	16.7%	16.4%	15.3%
Total Employment ++	71,800	71,800	71,100	106,800	106,900	106,300	131,600	132,900	126,300
		MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,700	48,300	49,000	51,600	51,300	53,000	44,800	44,700	44,600
Total Unemployment	3,000	2,600	3,000	4,400	4,000	3,800	2,500	2,300	2,500
Percent Unemployed	6.2%	5.4%	6.1%	8.5%	7.8%	7.2%	5.6%	5.1%	5.6%
Total Employment ++	45,700	45,700	46,000	47,200	47,300	49,200	42,300	42,400	42,100
		SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA	
Total Civilian Labor Force	604,600	595,600	601,200	47,300	47,600	48,800	57,200	56,600	56,900
Total Unemployment	44,600	39,500	43,400	3,100	3,400	3,000	4,700	4,100	4,400
Percent Unemployed	7.4%	6.6%	7.2%	6.6%	7.1%	6.1%	8.2%	7.2%	7.7%
Total Employment ++	560,000	556,100	557,800	44,200	44,200	45,800	52,500	52,500	52,500
		TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,900	74,500	74,300	35,800	35,500	35,900	92,300	91,700	91,700
Total Unemployment	5,200	4,700	5,300	2,400	2,100	2,400	5,300	4,700	6,300
Percent Unemployed	6.9%	6.3%	7.1%	6.7%	5.9%	6.7%	5.7%	5.1%	6.9%
Total Employment ++	69,700	69,800	69,000	33,400	33,400	33,500	87,000	87,000	85,400
		WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***	
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,200	56,200	56,800				8,241.9	8,159.5	8,204.2
Total Unemployment	3,300	3,400	3,300				575.9	517.9	574.9
Percent Unemployed	5.9%	6.0%	5.8%				7.0%	6.3%	7.0%
Total Employment ++	52,900	52,800	53,500				7,666.0	7,641.6	7,629.3

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
* Preliminary – subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✚

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Apr.'89*	Mar.'89	Apr.'88	Apr.'89*	Mar.'89	Apr.'88	Apr.'89*	Mar.'89	Apr.'88
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 425.88	$ 423.67	$ 415.91	42.0	41.7	41.8	$ 10.14	10.16	9.95
Durable Goods	425.96	419.67	415.81	42.3	41.8	42.3	10.07	10.04	9.83
Lumber & Wood Products	302.43	299.59	299.88	41.6	41.9	42.0	7.27	7.15	7.14
Furniture & Fixtures	261.20	267.04	255.67	40.0	40.4	39.7	6.53	6.61	6.44
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	405.13	395.84	400.46	42.6	42.2	43.2	9.51	9.38	9.27
Primary Metal Industries	471.65	447.53	452.15	42.3	41.4	42.1	11.15	10.81	10.74
Fabricated Metal Products	384.57	383.40	381.81	42.4	42.6	42.9	9.07	9.00	8.90
Machinery, exc. Electric	428.11	427.70	435.81	43.2	42.6	43.8	9.91	10.04	9.95
Oil Field Machinery	510.85	513.00	522.29	43.7	45.0	46.8	11.69	11.40	11.16
Electric & Electronic Equip.	444.88	444.11	431.26	41.5	40.3	40.8	10.72	11.02	10.57
Transportation Equipment	583.40	574.20	558.05	43.7	43.5	43.7	13.35	13.20	12.77
Instruments & Related Prod.	393.57	371.72	371.05	40.7	38.6	40.2	9.67	9.63	9.23
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	284.59	275.99	250.29	39.2	38.6	36.7	7.26	7.15	6.82
Nondurable Goods	425.98	427.87	415.71	41.6	41.5	41.2	10.24	10.31	10.09
Food & Kindred Products	341.47	348.55	351.07	40.7	41.2	41.4	8.39	8.46	8.48
Meat Products	251.77	256.80	250.27	39.9	40.0	39.6	6.31	6.42	6.32
Malt Beverages	874.40	947.19	936.40	45.4	48.9	47.8	19.26	19.37	19.59
Textile Mill Products	343.30	336.42	340.47	44.7	44.5	45.7	7.68	7.56	7.45
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	217.60	207.52	192.72	40.0	38.5	36.5	5.44	5.39	5.28
Paper & Allied Products	499.14	486.21	470.44	43.9	42.8	43.6	11.37	11.36	10.79
Printing & Publishing	402.43	407.88	393.21	39.3	39.6	39.4	10.24	10.30	9.98
Chemicals & Allied Products	689.48	703.04	668.55	44.0	44.3	43.3	15.67	15.87	15.44
Petroleum & Coal Products	715.20	704.16	679.78	44.7	43.9	43.8	16.00	16.04	15.52
Petroleum Refining	745.02	731.46	706.06	44.8	43.8	43.8	16.63	16.70	16.12
Leather & Leather Products	235.77	229.49	214.66	39.1	38.7	39.1	6.03	5.93	5.49
Other Nondurable Goods	385.84	395.76	401.41	42.4	43.3	44.8	9.10	9.14	8.96
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	518.80	509.52	519.98	40.0	39.9	41.9	12.97	12.77	12.41
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	549.34	549.77	564.51	45.4	45.7	47.2	12.10	12.03	11.96
Oil & Gas Extraction	515.99	506.39	516.26	39.6	39.5	41.5	13.03	12.82	12.44
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	508.16	497.45	491.57	39.7	39.2	39.2	12.80	12.69	12.54
Elec., Gas & San. Services	508.20	485.80	474.61	42.0	39.4	40.6	12.10	12.33	11.69
Wholesale & Retail Trade	237.33	232.40	229.18	32.6	32.1	32.6	7.28	7.24	7.03
Wholesale Trade	416.16	403.12	393.62	39.9	39.1	39.6	10.43	10.31	9.94
Retail Trade	182.41	180.30	178.75	30.3	30.0	30.4	6.02	6.01	5.88
General Merchandise Stores	174.04	174.63	173.06	29.3	29.3	28.7	5.94	5.96	6.03
Banking	296.16	272.69	272.03	39.7	36.9	38.1	7.46	7.39	7.14

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 418.90	$ 417.66	$ 407.97	42.1	41.6	41.8	$ 9.95	$ 10.04	9.76
Durable Goods	442.46	440.08	425.70	42.3	41.4	41.9	10.46	10.63	10.16
Nondurable Goods	380.80	381.78	379.47	41.8	42.0	41.7	9.11	9.09	9.10
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	458.13	447.84	436.31	41.8	41.2	41.2	10.96	10.87	10.59
Durable Goods	488.02	474.35	457.18	42.4	41.5	41.6	11.51	11.43	10.99
Nondurable Goods	387.69	385.16	387.28	40.3	40.5	40.3	9.62	9.51	9.61
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	504.70	519.94	498.33	43.1	44.1	44.1	11.71	11.79	11.30
Durable Goods	423.26	435.38	423.95	43.5	44.7	44.3	9.73	9.74	9.57
Nondurable Goods	603.93	622.94	586.04	42.5	43.2	43.8	14.21	14.42	13.38
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	299.20	293.67	310.43	40.0	39.0	40.9	7.48	7.53	7.59
Durable Goods	319.80	324.09	339.90	39.0	39.0	41.2	8.20	8.31	8.25
Nondurable Goods	280.30	265.69	282.69	40.8	38.9	40.5	6.87	6.83	6.98

Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ✚ Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

In **Manufacturing**, small gains and losses in Durable and Nondurable Goods offset one another, leaving the Manufacturing total unchanged between March and April. The **Durable Goods** sector eked out a minor increase of 800 jobs. The largest growth within this sector was in Stone, Clay and Glass Products, which rose by 400. Smaller gains occurred in Fabricated Metal Industries, Electric and Electronic Equipment, and Instruments and Related Products. Declines were reported in Lumber and Wood Products, Transportation Equipment, and Furniture and Fixtures.

One large downturn and other smaller losses pushed employment in **Nondurable Goods** down by 800 in April. The notable decrease was in Food and Kindred Products, which lost 1,100 jobs. Most of that drop was due to seasonal layoffs in Preserved Fruits and Vegetables. Smaller losses were fairly widespread. The only gain of note within Nondurable Goods occurred in Printing and Publishing, where 400 jobs were added.

Although Manufacturing firms have created close to 14,000 jobs during the past year, growth in this sector has slowed quite a bit from last year's pace. Between April 1987 and April 1988, Manufacturing employers added over 33,000 jobs. Another change is that most of the growth in Manufacturing is currently concentrated in the Nondurable Goods sector. In the past two or three years, expansion was more common within Durable Goods. For example, during the year ending in April 1988, Durable Goods industries generated over 80 percent of the total Manufacturing growth.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	APR.'89	APR.'88
Total Population	16,886,000*	16,826,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.9	2.0
UI Covered Employers	311,482	312,440
Total Claims Actions	513,292	534,309
Total Initial Claims Actions	53,730	56,591
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	459,562	477,718
Total Placements	31,615	30,976
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$155.21	$153.45
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$56,343,310	$63,028,704

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Hours Rise While Hourly Earnings Drop

There were an estimated 624,900 Texas Manufacturing production workers in April 1989, up 300 from the March level and over 11,000 above the year-ago total. In mid-April, the average production worker was earning $10.14 an hour for a 42-hour work week, with Average Weekly Earnings of $425.88. Average Hourly Earnings declined by 2¢ between March and April, while Average Weekly Hours rose by 0.3 hour. The combination of lower hourly earnings and a somewhat longer workweek left Average Weekly Earnings up by only $2.21 over the month.

Although Average Hourly Earnings for Manufacturing as a whole declined slightly in April, earnings rose in several industries due to increased overtime worked at premium pay. The majority of the industries where this occurred were in the Durable Goods sector. These included Stone, Clay and Glass Products, Lumber and Wood Products, and Primary Metal Industries.

Compared to April 1988 figures, Average Weekly Hours had increased by 0.2 hour, while Average Hourly Earnings rose by 19¢, pushing Average Weekly Earnings up by almost $10.00 over the year. Although Average Hourly Earnings were down in both Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods between April 1988 and April 1989, Average Hourly Earnings had risen by 15¢ in Nondurable Goods and by 24¢ in Durable Goods.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	May '89	Apr.'89	May '88
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	123,195.0	122,576.0	120,775.0
Unemployment	6,156.0	6,229.0	6,553.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.0%**	**5.1%**	**5.4%**
Total Employment	117,039.0	116,347.0	114,222.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	123,610.0	123,659.0	121,203.0
Unemployment	6,395.0	6,546.0	6,800.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.2%**	**5.3%**	**5.6%**
Total Employment	117,215.0	117,113.0	114,403.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,233.2	8,241.9	8,299.9
Unemployment	489.4	575.9	602.1
Percent Unemployed	**5.9%**	**7.0%**	**7.3%**
Total Employment	7,743.8	7,666.0	7,697.8
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,250.0	8,350.0	8,323.0
Unemployment	488.0	621.0	602.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.9%**	**7.4%**	**7.2%**
Total Employment	7,762.0	7,729.0	7,721.0

Unemployment Swings Downward

After rising between March and April, the actual Texas unemployment rate declined from 7.0 percent in April to 5.9 percent in mid-May. The number of jobless Texans dropped by more than 86,000 over the month, while total employment rose by over 75,000. Data from the Current Population Survey shows that there were an estimated 186,500 agricultural workers in Texas in May.

Although the May decline in unemployment was encouraging, the sharp fluctuations shown in the past three months indicate that one month's lower rate is not sufficient to indicate a notable change in the State's underlying economic condition.

The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also dropped between April and May, from 7.4 percent to 5.9 percent. Rates in both series were well below the year-ago estimates for Texas. The U. S. seasonally adjusted rate slid down from 5.3 percent to 5.2 percent in May, while the actual rate for the Nation inched downward from 5.1 percent to 5.0 percent over the month.

Nonfarm Jobs Rise Moderately

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment increased by 17,000 between April and May, totaling 6,771,700 at mid-May. The current estimate was up by over 122,000 from the May 1988 level. Most of the over-the-month gain was due to modest, but widespread, growth rather than any one large advance. The strongest increases in May occurred in Services and Trade.

Services generated 5,000 jobs in May, despite the loss of over 3,000 jobs in Educational Services, as the spring semester ended for private schools and colleges. Employment was boosted primarily by continued staffing for outdoor recreational activities and at amusement parks. Heavy storm damage to trees throughout Texas brought about increases among Landscape and Horticultural Services. Business and Repair Services also added a substantial number of workers, many of them part-time.

The bulk of the 4,900 additional jobs in **Trade** were added in Eating and Drinking Places, which gained 3,000 jobs. All other segments of Retail Trade recorded modest employment growth, except for Food Stores, which declined by 400. Wholesale Trade remained unchanged between April and May.

Seasonal influences pushed the number of **Construction** jobs up by 2,500 in May, but this industry was still over 17,000 below the year-ago level. The only improvement in **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate** was among Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers, which increased by 900 over the month.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	MAY '89*	APR.'89**	MAY '88**	MAY '89*	APR.'89**	MAY '88**	MAY '89*	APR.'89**	MAY '88**	MAY '89*	APR.'89**	MAY '88**
		ABILENE			**AMARILLO**			**AUSTIN**			**BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR**	
TOTAL	**49,300**	**49,400**	**48,800**	**76,800**	**76,900**	**78,500**	**354,900**	**355,000**	**355,600**	**134,900**	**134,000**	**133,300**
Manufacturing	5,000	4,900	4,800	9,000	9,100	10,000	41,100	40,900	40,500	25,600	25,400	25,800
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,100	1,400	1,300	1,300	700	700	700	1,900	1,900	1,800
Construction	2,000	1,900	1,900	3,800	3,700	3,800	13,100	13,000	14,300	8,900	8,800	8,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,400	5,500	5,500	5,600	10,400	10,400	10,600	9,600	9,700	9,400
Trade	13,500	13,600	13,400	22,300	22,500	22,300	75,800	75,700	77,100	32,900	32,400	32,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400	4,100	4,100	4,400	23,900	23,900	24,500	5,100	5,100	5,300
Services & Misc.	13,000	13,300	13,100	17,100	17,000	16,700	86,500	86,200	84,500	30,300	30,100	29,700
Government	9,100	9,000	8,700	13,600	13,700	14,400	103,400	104,200	103,400	20,600	20,600	20,400
		BRAZORIA			**BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN**			**BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION**			**CORPUS CHRISTI**	
TOTAL	**61,800**	**60,900**	**58,700**	**70,100**	**70,500**	**68,100**	**51,500**	**51,800**	**49,300**	**126,000**	**126,000**	**125,800**
Manufacturing	16,000	15,800	15,400	10,100	10,100	9,900	3,500	3,300	3,300	11,500	11,600	11,400
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,200	–	–	–	600	600	600	4,300	4,400	4,000
Construction	7,900	7,600	6,400	2,200	2,200	2,000	1,900	2,000	1,800	8,900	8,400	8,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,600	2,700	3,000	3,000	3,100	1,500	1,500	1,600	6,300	6,400	6,500
Trade	11,200	11,100	10,900	18,400	18,400	17,800	10,700	10,800	10,800	30,700	31,200	31,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,600	3,600	3,700	1,700	1,700	1,600	7,000	6,900	7,000
Services & Misc.	8,600	8,500	8,100	15,800	16,200	14,800	9,300	9,600	8,900	29,000	29,200	29,300
Government	11,600	11,500	11,000	17,000	17,000	16,800	22,300	22,300	20,700	28,300	27,900	28,000
		DALLAS ***			**EL PASO**			**FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON**			**GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY**	
TOTAL	**1,350.1**	**1,345.6**	**1,345.6**	**196,600**	**195,700**	**194,600**	**537,500**	**535,900**	**527,400**	**72,500**	**72,200**	**72,600**
Manufacturing	221.5	221.5	223.4	40,000	39,800	40,600	121,100	120,900	119,500	8,500	8,500	8,100
Mining	17.4	17.4	18.7	–	–	–	4,000	4,100	3,700	500	500	600
Construction	50.7	50.0	57.0	8,600	8,700	9,000	22,500	22,600	22,900	4,900	4,900	4,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	94.3	93.7	90.8	10,700	10,700	10,700	31,700	31,200	30,100	4,700	4,700	4,800
Trade	347.1	346.3	344.3	47,800	47,300	46,000	138,400	137,700	136,900	14,400	14,300	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	126.6	126.0	130.2	8,400	8,500	8,800	27,000	26,900	26,800	4,200	4,200	4,400
Services & Misc.	338.8	337.2	329.6	39,500	39,300	38,900	122,900	122,600	118,400	14,300	14,100	14,000
Government	153.7	153.5	151.6	41,600	41,400	40,600	69,900	69,900	69,100	21,000	21,000	21,900
		HOUSTON ***			**KILLEEN-TEMPLE**			**LAREDO**			**LONGVIEW-MARSHALL**	
TOTAL	**1,469.7**	**1,465.6**	**1,427.2**	**72,700**	**72,400**	**70,500**	**39,500**	**39,400**	**37,700**	**66,000**	**65,800**	**66,600**
Manufacturing	157.4	157.3	153.8	8,600	8,500	7,900	1,900	1,800	1,700	15,600	15,500	16,100
Mining	66.5	66.3	65.3	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	1,900	3,500	3,500	3,800
Construction	86.9	88.1	86.7	3,700	3,700	3,400	1,200	1,200	1,200	2,900	2,900	3,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	100.4	100.1	99.8	2,700	2,700	2,700	5,200	5,200	4,800	3,100	3,100	3,000
Trade	365.0	362.7	353.9	16,400	16,400	16,400	11,800	11,700	11,000	17,200	17,100	16,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	99.9	99.7	100.7	3,000	3,000	2,800	1,400	1,400	1,700	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	395.6	394.0	379.1	16,600	16,500	15,800	6,300	6,400	6,200	12,400	12,400	12,000
Government	198.0	197.4	187.9	21,600	21,500	21,400	9,800	9,800	9,200	8,600	8,600	8,600
		LUBBOCK			**MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION**			**MIDLAND**			**ODESSA**	
TOTAL	**94,900**	**94,700**	**93,400**	**98,200**	**98,900**	**93,500**	**44,100**	**44,200**	**44,600**	**42,400**	**42,500**	**43,200**
Manufacturing	7,700	7,500	7,100	13,900	14,000	12,500	2,400	2,500	2,600	4,000	4,000	4,100
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	900	9,600	9,600	10,200	5,600	5,600	6,000
Construction	2,900	2,900	3,200	4,200	4,200	4,000	1,400	1,400	1,300	1,700	1,800	2,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4,800	4,900	4,700	3,200	3,100	2,900	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	27,900	27,800	28,100	30,100	30,900	29,100	9,900	9,800	9,800	12,600	12,600	12,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,400	3,700	3,700	3,700	2,200	2,200	2,300	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	23,700	23,600	22,800	16,300	16,300	15,400	9,700	9,800	9,600	7,200	7,200	7,000
Government	21,900	22,000	21,700	25,900	25,800	25,000	6,600	6,600	6,500	7,500	7,500	7,800
		SAN ANGELO			**SAN ANTONIO**			**SHERMAN-DENISON**			**TEXARKANA**	
TOTAL	**36,800**	**36,600**	**36,500**	**513,900**	**510,600**	**500,900**	**37,200**	**37,200**	**38,200**	**45,700**	**45,400**	**44,700**
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,500	48,200	47,600	48,000	11,100	11,000	11,500	7,400	7,400	7,100
Mining	500	500	500	2,000	2,000	2,400	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,400	1,300	1,600	22,600	22,600	25,200	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,600	1,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,900	2,900	3,200	19,100	18,900	19,000	1,900	1,900	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,800
Trade	9,300	9,200	9,000	129,100	128,200	125,800	7,800	7,900	7,900	10,700	10,600	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	39,700	39,800	39,100	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,100	8,100	8,000	130,500	129,500	125,100	8,500	8,500	8,800	9,600	9,600	9,400
Government	7,300	7,300	6,900	122,700	122,000	116,300	4,400	4,400	4,500	12,500	12,300	12,300
		TYLER			**VICTORIA**			**WACO**			**WICHITA FALLS**	
TOTAL	**61,000**	**61,000**	**60,900**	**27,800**	**27,600**	**27,800**	**80,400**	**80,300**	**78,800**	**50,600**	**50,400**	**50,900**
Manufacturing	10,700	10,700	10,500	3,100	3,000	3,100	15,300	15,000	14,600	8,200	8,000	8,200
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,000	1,300	1,300	1,700	100	100	100	1,800	1,800	2,100
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,100	1,400	1,500	1,600	3,500	3,500	3,500	2,000	2,100	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,600	1,400	1,400	1,400	3,400	3,400	3,300	2,500	2,500	2,600
Trade	16,100	16,000	16,100	7,800	7,600	7,500	18,900	18,800	18,600	12,100	12,100	11,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,400	3,400	1,600	1,600	1,600	4,800	4,800	5,000	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	14,900	14,900	14,700	6,100	6,200	6,000	21,500	21,700	21,000	11,900	11,800	11,900
Government	9,600	9,600	9,500	5,100	5,000	4,900	12,900	13,000	12,700	9,800	9,800	9,800

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QC ANNUAL REPORT
CY 1988

State of Texas

Unemployment Insurance Quality Control
Annual Report for Calendar Year 1988

Total Dollars Paid in Population	$737,987,744	
Sample Size	1,296	

	Percentage of Dollars	95% Confidence Interval (+/-)
Proper Payments	87.9%	2.0%
Overpayments	12.1%	2.0%
	100.0%	
Underpayments	0.5%	0.2%

UI Quality Control Program

The Texas Employment Commission (TEC), in conjunction with the U. S. Department of Labor, has initiated a system for analyzing its Unemployment Insurance Quality Control (QC) Program.

The Unemployment Insurance Department of the Commission relies on information provided by employers and claimants as a basis for paying or denying benefits to unemployed persons. Obviously, the quality of decisions on these payments is directly related to the quality of information provided on such matters as job separations, refusal of work, work search efforts, etc.

Under the new QC System, a random sampling of claims is computer-generated weekly and each aspect of a claim selected is scrutinized thoroughly. The audit includes: (1) verification of a claimant's reason for being unemployed; (2) verification of employer's quarterly wages earned by the claimant; (3) weekly work search contacts made by the claimant; and (4) earnings reported by the claimant for the week of the claim.

QC investigators audited a random sample of 1,296 of the 4,887,832 total benefit payments made during Calendar Year 1988. Results of the review showed that during this period, 87.9% of the total benefits were correctly paid. Improper payments or overpayments accounted for 12.1% of total benefits paid. This improper payment figure is broken out by "error responsibility" as follows:

Claimant only error	9.6%
Agency only (TEC) error	1.2%
Employer only error	0.4%
Claimant and agency error	0.6%
Employer and agency error	0.1%
Claimant and employer error	0.1%
Claimant, employer & agency error	0.1%
	12.1%

Claimant errors included failure to correctly report earnings during a week in which benefits were received.

Employer errors were caused by their failure to report the correct amount of quarterly wages for former employees who later became active claimants and received unemployment benefits.

Agency errors were due to data entry or procedural errors made by employees of TEC.

In addition to the Quality Control Unit, the TEC also maintains a Benefit Payment Control (BPC) Unit to investigate and reclaim benefits paid to claimants under both fraudulent and unintentional error situations. The BPC Unit recovered $12,312,707 from claimants in 1988. This money was returned to the U. I. Trust Fund.

In July 1989, the U. S. Department of Labor will publish a digest of QC data for all states. The format to be used for the release of the Texas QC data is shown above.

For more information concerning this Program, contact Harold Bishop at (512) 463-2394.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	May '89*	Apr. '89**	May '88**	Chg. from Apr. '89	Chg. from May '88
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,771,700**	**6,754,700**	**6,649,500**	**17,000**	**122,200**
MANUFACTURING	**967,600**	**964,000**	**957,100**	**3,600**	**10,500**
Durable Goods	**558,000**	**555,800**	**555,000**	**2,200**	**3,000**
Lumber & Wood Products	32,900	33,000	34,200	-100	-1,300
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	7,100	7,100	-100	-100
Furniture & Fixtures	15,900	15,900	16,000	0	-100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	41,800	41,600	42,100	200	-300
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	17,400	17,300	18,000	100	-600
Primary Metal Industries	28,800	28,400	28,600	200	0
Fabricated Metal Industries	78,200	77,600	75,300	600	2,900
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	37,100	36,700	35,600	400	1,500
Machinery, exc. Electrical	106,900	106,300	106,100	600	800
Oil Field Machinery	24,700	24,800	25,900	-100	-1,200
Electric & Electronic Equipment	116,200	115,700	117,200	500	-1,000
Transportation Equipment	97,800	98,000	97,200	-200	600
Aircraft & Parts	56,200	56,200	55,200	0	1,000
Instruments & Related Prod.	24,900	24,700	24,100	200	800
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	14,800	14,600	14,200	200	600
Nondurable Goods	**409,600**	**408,200**	**402,100**	**1,400**	**7,500**
Food & Kindred Products	96,800	96,500	96,000	300	800
Meat Products	29,000	28,700	28,200	300	800
Dairy Products	4,500	4,500	4,600	0	-100
Bakery Products	9,600	9,500	9,800	100	-200
Malt Beverages	2,800	2,800	3,000	0	-200
Textile Mill Products	3,900	3,800	3,700	100	200
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	58,900	58,500	57,000	400	1,900
Paper & Allied Products	25,400	25,100	24,200	300	1,200
Printing & Publishing	75,600	75,800	74,700	-200	900
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,700	35,730	36,400	0	-700
Chemicals & Allied Products	78,500	78,100	76,100	400	2,400
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,200	28,300	29,700	-100	-1,500
Petroleum Refining	25,300	25,200	26,500	100	-1,200
Leather & Leather Products	8,000	8,000	7,800	0	200
Other Nondurable Goods	35,300	35,100	33,900	200	1,400
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,804,100**	**5,790,700**	**5,692,400**	**13,400**	**111,700**
Mining	**175,800**	**176,700**	**185,200**	**-900**	**-9,400**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	8,900	8,900	9,900	0	-1,000
Oil & Gas Extraction	166,900	167,800	175,300	-900	-8,400
Construction	**313,300**	**310,800**	**330,700**	**2,500**	**-17,400**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**398,300**	**397,500**	**388,200**	**800**	**10,100**
Railroad Transportation	19,300	19,200	20,900	100	-1,600
Transportation, exc. Railroads	222,100	221,300	209,400	800	12,700
Transportation by Air	68,800	68,500	64,000	300	4,800
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	80,900	80,900	82,000	0	-1,100
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,000	76,100	75,900	-100	100
Electric Services	40,900	41,000	41,100	-100	-200
Gas Production & Distribution	27,300	27,300	27,300	0	0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,660,100**	**1,655,200**	**1,651,100**	**4,900**	**9,000**
Wholesale Trade	416,200	416,200	410,200	0	6,000
Retail Trade	1,243,900	1,239,000	1,240,900	4,900	3,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,600	43,200	43,700	400	-100
General Merchandise Stores	170,100	169,200	162,800	900	7,300
Food Stores	215,200	215,600	221,300	-400	-6,100
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	134,300	134,000	136,700	300	-2,400
Apparel & Accessory Stores	83,600	83,400	83,100	200	500
Eating & Drinking Places	416,900	413,900	415,200	3,000	1,700
Other Retail Trade	180,200	179,700	178,100	500	2,100
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**440,300**	**439,400**	**439,400**	**900**	**900**
Banking	97,100	96,700	94,200	400	2,900
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	144,100	143,200	140,500	900	3,600
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	199,100	199,500	204,700	-400	-5,600
Services	**1,587,700**	**1,582,700**	**1,514,000**	**5,000**	**73,700**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	84,400	84,500	80,900	-100	3,500
Personal Services	87,000	87,700	86,500	-700	500
Business & Repair Services	446,900	444,200	423,600	2,700	23,300
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	60,200	58,500	57,900	1,700	2,300
Health Services	434,900	434,300	411,700	600	23,200
Educational Services	74,800	78,000	75,100	-3,200	-300
Other Services & Miscellaneous	399,500	395,500	378,300	4,000	21,200
Total Government	**1,228,600**	**1,228,400**	**1,183,800**	**200**	**44,800**
Federal Government	199,800	199,800	194,100	0	5,700
State Government	247,700	249,100	241,000	-1,400	6,700
Local Government	781,100	779,500	748,700	1,600	32,400

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✦
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	MAY '89*	APR.'89**	MAY '88**	MAY '89*	APR.'89**	MAY '88**	MAY '89*	APR.'89**	MAY '88**
		ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN	
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,100	53,600	53,300	96,700	97,000	98,700	420,000	420,600	430,600
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,700	3,800	4,700	5,700	5,800	21,100	23,700	26,500
Percent Unemployed	5.8%	6.9%	6.8%	4.9%	5.9%	5.8%	5.0%	5.6%	6.2%
Total Employment ✦✦	50,000	49,900	49,700	92,000	91,300	93,900	398,900	396,900	404,100
		BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN	
Total Civilian Labor Force	161,300	161,700	163,200	83,900	83,400	82,100	98,400	99,300	97,500
Total Unemployment	13,600	15,600	16,900	5,300	5,900	6,800	10,300	11,800	12,700
Percent Unemployed	8.4%	9.6%	10.4%	6.3%	7.1%	8.3%	10.5%	11.9%	13.0%
Total Employment ✦✦	147,700	146,100	146,300	78,600	77,500	75,300	88,100	87,500	84,800
		BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***	
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,500	60,300	58,300	157,500	158,200	161,900	1,432.5	1,430.8	1,459.2
Total Unemployment	2,500	2,700	2,600	12,100	14,100	16,100	68.5	80.0	84.4
Percent Unemployed	4.1%	4.5%	4.5%	7.7%	8.9%	9.9%	4.8%	5.6%	5.8%
Total Employment ✦✦	58,000	57,600	55,700	145,400	144,100	145,800	1,364.0	1,350.8	1,374.8
		EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY	
Total Civilian Labor Force	238,400	239,100	240,600	682,800	683,000	688,500	106,100	105,600	109,800
Total Unemployment	21,500	24,700	24,600	33,700	39,400	43,600	7,300	7,900	9,800
Percent Unemployed	9.0%	10.3%	10.2%	4.9%	5.8%	6.3%	6.9%	7.5%	8.9%
Total Employment ✦✦	216,900	214,400	216,000	649,100	643,600	644,900	98,800	97,700	100,000
		HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,623.3	1,622.9	1,610.7	95,400	95,600	94,000	47,600	49,000	46,700
Total Unemployment	85.9	100.0	113.5	6,300	7,600	7,200	4,900	6,700	5,900
Percent Unemployed	5.3%	6.2%	7.0%	6.6%	7.9%	7.7%	10.3%	13.7%	12.6%
Total Employment ✦✦	1,537.4	1,522.9	1,497.2	89,100	88,000	86,800	42,700	42,300	40,800
		LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION	
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,000	78,800	79,400	113,200	112,800	113,900	154,100	158,700	151,500
Total Unemployment	6,100	7,400	6,800	4,800	5,600	6,200	20,300	26,500	22,600
Percent Unemployed	7.8%	9.4%	8.6%	4.2%	5.0%	5.4%	13.2%	16.7%	14.9%
Total Employment ✦✦	71,900	71,400	72,600	108,400	107,200	107,700	133,800	132,200	128,900
		MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,600	48,300	49,500	51,300	51,700	53,600	45,000	44,600	45,300
Total Unemployment	2,800	2,900	3,000	3,900	4,400	4,000	2,400	2,500	2,700
Percent Unemployed	5.8%	6.0%	6.1%	7.6%	8.5%	7.5%	5.3%	5.6%	6.0%
Total Employment ✦✦	45,800	45,400	46,500	47,400	47,300	49,600	42,600	42,100	42,600
		SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA	
Total Civilian Labor Force	607,000	605,100	609,300	47,100	47,400	49,600	57,600	57,500	57,500
Total Unemployment	39,500	44,600	48,700	2,400	3,100	3,100	4,100	4,700	5,000
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	7.4%	8.0%	5.1%	6.5%	6.3%	7.1%	8.2%	8.7%
Total Employment ✦✦	567,500	560,500	560,600	44,700	44,300	46,500	53,500	52,800	52,500
		TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,300	74,600	75,000	35,600	35,600	36,300	91,900	92,000	92,500
Total Unemployment	4,700	5,200	5,600	2,000	2,300	2,600	4,600	5,200	6,600
Percent Unemployed	6.3%	7.0%	7.5%	5.6%	6.5%	7.2%	5.0%	5.7%	7.1%
Total Employment ✦✦	69,600	69,400	69,400	33,600	33,300	33,700	87,300	86,800	85,900
		WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***	
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,600	56,300	57,700				8,233.2	8,241.9	8,299.9
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,300	3,600				489.4	575.9	602.1
Percent Unemployed	5.7%	5.9%	6.2%				5.9%	7.0%	7.3%
Total Employment ✦✦	53,400	53,000	54,100				7,743.8	7,666.0	7,897.8

✦ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ✦✦ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✦

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	May '89*	Apr.'89	May '88	May '89*	Apr.'89	May '88	May '89*	Apr.'89	May '88
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 422.84	$ 427.14	$ 410.69	41.7	42.0	41.4	$ 10.14	10.17	9.92
Durable Goods	420.42	425.54	413.42	42.0	42.3	42.1	10.01	10.06	9.82
Lumber & Wood Products	303.16	299.63	289.16	41.7	41.5	40.9	7.27	7.22	7.07
Furniture & Fixtures	251.41	259.24	253.11	38.5	39.7	39.0	6.53	6.53	6.49
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	404.12	404.37	398.54	42.9	42.7	42.9	9.42	9.47	9.29
Primary Metal Industries	464.10	465.04	446.24	42.0	42.2	41.9	11.05	11.02	10.65
Fabricated Metal Products	379.01	386.44	379.48	42.3	42.7	42.4	8.96	9.05	8.95
Machinery, exc. Electric	426.00	427.42	431.83	42.9	43.0	43.4	9.93	9.94	9.95
Oil Field Machinery	515.65	503.14	531.38	44.8	43.6	46.9	11.51	11.54	11.33
Electric & Electronic Equip.	444.17	446.71	433.01	40.9	41.4	41.2	10.86	10.79	10.51
Transportation Equipment	566.33	583.42	552.05	43.1	43.8	43.4	13.14	13.32	12.72
Instruments & Related Prod.	379.53	387.37	374.00	39.7	40.1	40.0	9.56	9.66	9.35
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	290.65	287.89	252.45	40.2	39.6	37.4	7.23	7.27	6.75
Nondurable Goods	426.42	428.48	408.03	41.4	41.6	40.6	10.30	10.30	10.05
Food & Kindred Products	346.93	343.10	337.00	41.4	40.7	40.7	8.38	8.43	8.28
Meat Products	265.97	255.91	250.04	41.3	39.8	39.5	6.44	6.43	6.33
Malt Beverages	842.39	872.13	807.00	44.5	45.4	45.8	18.93	19.21	17.62
Textile Mill Products	324.86	343.74	323.10	43.2	44.7	43.9	7.52	7.69	7.36
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	208.29	215.57	193.28	38.5	39.7	36.4	5.41	5.43	5.31
Paper & Allied Products	493.00	496.87	477.19	43.9	43.7	43.9	11.23	11.37	10.87
Printing & Publishing	405.99	404.88	384.68	39.0	39.5	38.7	10.41	10.25	9.94
Chemicals & Allied Products	700.92	700.38	655.61	44.0	44.3	42.6	15.93	15.81	15.39
Petroleum & Coal Products	691.33	724.56	653.54	43.7	45.2	42.3	15.82	16.03	15.45
Petroleum Refining	716.45	755.46	675.71	43.5	45.4	42.1	16.47	16.64	16.05
Leather & Leather Products	235.59	235.17	218.01	39.2	39.0	39.0	6.01	6.03	5.59
Other Nondurable Goods	391.19	385.78	400.40	42.8	42.3	44.0	9.14	9.12	9.10
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	501.50	532.36	488.22	38.4	40.3	39.5	13.06	13.21	12.36
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	568.14	555.24	562.27	44.7	45.4	46.7	12.71	12.23	12.04
Oil & Gas Extraction	495.73	529.87	482.82	37.9	39.9	39.0	13.08	13.28	12.38
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	501.26	507.67	492.18	39.1	39.6	39.0	12.82	12.82	12.62
Elec., Gas & San. Services	502.52	508.82	464.31	39.6	41.3	38.5	12.69	12.32	12.06
Wholesale & Retail Trade	233.60	237.33	226.80	32.4	32.6	32.4	7.21	7.28	7.00
Wholesale Trade	407.79	416.56	388.61	39.4	39.9	38.9	10.35	10.44	9.99
Retail Trade	181.19	182.10	178.43	30.3	30.3	30.5	5.98	6.01	5.85
General Merchandise Stores	178.19	174.63	174.05	29.6	29.3	29.4	6.02	5.96	5.92
Banking	270.11	294.62	261.00	36.8	39.6	36.2	7.34	7.44	7.21

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	May '89*	Apr.'89	May '88	May '89*	Apr.'89	May '88	May '89*	Apr.'89	May '88
DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 421.10	$ 420.16	$ 405.18	41.9	42.1	41.6	$ 10.05	$ 9.98	9.74
Durable Goods	447.96	445.20	419.57	42.3	42.4	41.5	10.59	10.50	10.11
Nondurable Goods	376.16	380.80	382.13	41.2	41.8	41.9	9.13	9.11	9.12
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	442.82	456.77	439.07	40.7	41.6	41.5	10.88	10.98	10.58
Durable Goods	466.07	486.99	461.84	41.1	42.2	42.1	11.34	11.54	10.97
Nondurable Goods	390.62	387.53	382.08	39.9	40.2	39.8	9.79	9.64	9.60
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	508.78	504.39	491.44	43.3	43.0	43.8	11.75	11.73	11.22
Durable Goods	419.68	423.26	424.53	43.4	43.5	44.5	9.67	9.73	9.54
Nondurable Goods	618.05	605.05	572.29	43.1	42.4	42.9	14.34	14.27	13.34
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	314.08	302.35	310.58	41.6	40.1	41.3	7.55	7.54	7.52
Durable Goods	347.73	325.44	338.65	41.2	39.4	41.4	8.44	8.26	8.18
Nondurable Goods	284.50	282.74	284.00	41.9	40.8	41.1	6.79	6.93	6.91

Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ✦ Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

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Vacationers and other travelers helped to boost employment in Transportation by Air and in Transportation Services. These gains added 800 jobs in **Transportation and Public Utilities** in May. Within **Government**, expansion in Local Government was offset by contractions within State Government due to public schools and colleges closing at semester's end. The result was a gain of only 200 jobs in Government between April and May.

Mining continued to show weakness, losing an additional 900 jobs over the month. This was the only downturn at the major industry level in May. Employment in Oil and Gas Extraction is currently at its lowest level in over a decade.

Manufacturing had its strongest month thus far in 1989, adding close to 4,000 positions in May. The **Durable Goods** sector generated about two-thirds of the increase, accelerating for the first time this year. The 2,000 jobs created in Durable Goods were scattered among several different industries, with no large upturn in any one segment.

Among the largest increases within Durable Goods were gains of 600 in Febricated Metal Industries and Nonelectrical Machinery, and 500 additions in Electric and Electronic Machinery. Moderate declines were reported in Transportation Equipment and in Lumber and Wood Products.

Nondurable Goods also had its strongest month so far this year, contributing 1,400 jobs in May. Here, too, the growth was due mostly to small, but numerous, advances. The largest gains were in Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products and in Chemicals and Allied Products, each of which increased by 400 jobs. More modest upturns occurred in Food and Kindred Products and in Paper and Allied Products. The only Nondurable declines occurred in Printing and Publishing and in Petroleum and Coal Products.

Hours and Earnings Decline

There were an estimated 627,700 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers in May, up 2,900 from the April estimate and 11,000 above the May 1988 level. In mid-May 1989, the average worker was earning $10.14 an hour for a 41.7-hour work week, and averaging $422.84 in weekly earnings. Average Hourly Earnings slid downward by 3¢ over the past month, while Average Weekly Hours dropped by 0.3 hour. The effect of these combined declines was a loss of $4.30 in Average Weekly Earnings between April and May.

The decline in Average Weekly Earnings was widespread in May and was due to a shorter work week in many industries combined with less overtime worked at higher pay in other sectors. The drops in both hours worked and hourly earnings were slightly more pronounced in the Durable Goods sector than in Nondurable Goods.

Compared to May 1988, both hours and earnings had increased. Average Hourly Earnings rose by 22¢ over the year, while Average Weekly Hours were up 0.3 hour, pushing the Average Weekly Earnings total up by $12.15.

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	MAY '89	MAY '88
Total Population	16,891,000*	16,831,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.8	1.9
UI Covered Employers	312,341	314,277
Total Claims Actions	533,187	493,586
Total Initial Claims Actions	55,486	55,577
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	477,701	438,009
Total Placements	35,288	32,724
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$155.91	$143.95
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$61,371,518	$59,582,985

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1987 PER CAPITA INCOME DATA RELEASED BY B.E.A.

1987 Texas Per Capita Income Data

The Bureau of Economic Analysis of the U. S. Department of Commerce recently released 1987 personal per capita income information for Texas MSA's and counties. Per capita income data are estimated by dividing the total income for an area (including transfer payments such as Social Security payments) by the total population. The income figures used in this calculation are not adjusted for inflation. According to these data, the State's per capita income estimate rose from $13,516 in 1986 to $13,888 in 1987, a 2.8 percent increase.

All of the MSA's in Texas recorded at least a modest gain in per capita income during this period, and only ten of the State's counties showed decreases – none of them substantial. The **Per Capita Income Data Chart** on page 3 shows proportionate income levels for selected Texas metropolitan areas in 1983 and 1987, including the MSA with the highest 1987 per capita income (Dallas, at $17,748) and the one with the lowest (McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, at $7,001). As had been the case in prior years, all of the border areas had the lowest income.

The largest percentage increases among the MSA's between 1983 and 1987 were recorded in Texarkana, Fort Worth-Arlington, Killeen-Temple, Bryan-College Station, and Laredo—all of whom showed growth rates over 20 percent during this five-year period. Only three MSA's—Beaumont-Port Arthur, Houston, and Odessa—increased by less than 10 percent during this time.

Unemployment Rate Climbs

The Statewide actual unemployment rate rose from 5.9 percent in May to 7.1 percent in June, as seasonal jobseekers entered the labor force seeking summer work. The current rate, although considerably higher than the May rate, was still low compared to the 8.0 percent experienced in June 1988. Total unemployment rose by over 98,000 between May and June, to a level of 587,700 in mid-June. The number of Texans holding jobs increased minimally over the month, to 7,745,200 in mid-June. The current employment estimate was over 100,000 below the June 1988 total in the actual series.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	June'89	May '89	June'88
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	125,569.0	123,195.0	123,028.0
Unemployment	6,850.0	6,156.0	6,819.0
Percent Unemployed	5.5%	5.0%	5.5%
Total Employment	118,719.0	117,039.0	116,209.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	124,102.0	123,610.0	121,524.0
Unemployment	6,561.0	6,395.0	6,523.0
Percent Unemployed	5.3%	5.2%	5.4%
Total Employment	117,541.0	117,215.0	115,001.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,332.9	8,233.2	8,556.8
Unemployment	587.7	489.4	682.6
Percent Unemployed	7.1%	5.9%	8.0%
Total Employment	7,745.2	7,743.8	7,874.2
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,223.0	8,250.0	8,451.0
Unemployment	502.0	488.0	598.0
Percent Unemployed	6.1%	5.9%	7.1%
Total Employment	7,721.0	7,762.0	7,853.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	JUNE'89*	MAY '89**	JUNE'88**	JUNE'89*	MAY '89**	JUNE'88**	JUNE'89*	MAY '89**	JUNE'88**	JUNE'89*	MAY '89**	JUNE'88**
	ABILENE			**AMARILLO**			**AUSTIN**			**BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR**		
TOTAL	**48,800**	**49,200**	**48,600**	**77,800**	**77,400**	**78,500**	**351,200**	**354,900**	**350,900**	**133,800**	**134,700**	**133,400**
Manufacturing	5,000	5,000	4,800	8,800	9,000	10,000	41,300	41,300	40,900	25,600	25,500	26,000
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,100	1,400	1,400	1,300	700	700	700	1,900	1,900	1,700
Construction	1,900	1,900	2,000	4,000	4,000	3,900	13,200	13,000	14,500	8,900	8,800	8,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,400	5,700	5,700	5,700	10,500	10,400	10,700	9,500	9,800	9,700
Trade	13,600	13,600	13,500	22,700	22,400	22,900	75,600	75,700	77,000	32,600	32,600	32,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400	4,100	4,100	4,400	23,800	23,800	24,500	5,100	5,100	5,300
Services & Misc.	12,600	12,900	12,600	17,600	17,100	17,000	86,500	86,400	84,600	30,300	30,300	30,000
Government	9,000	9,100	8,800	13,500	13,700	13,300	99,600	103,600	98,000	19,900	20,700	19,600
	BRAZORIA			**BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN**			**BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION**			**CORPUS CHRISTI**		
TOTAL	**61,200**	**61,600**	**59,200**	**69,400**	**70,200**	**68,800**	**49,200**	**51,300**	**47,000**	**126,600**	**126,400**	**124,700**
Manufacturing	16,000	16,000	15,400	10,000	10,100	10,000	3,500	3,500	3,400	11,500	11,500	11,500
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,100	–	–	–	600	600	600	4,300	4,300	4,100
Construction	7,700	7,900	6,800	2,200	2,200	2,000	1,800	1,900	2,000	9,400	8,700	8,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,700	3,000	3,000	3,100	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,400	6,300	6,400
Trade	11,300	11,200	11,100	18,200	18,400	17,800	10,800	10,500	10,800	31,700	31,400	31,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,600	3,600	3,700	1,600	1,700	1,600	6,900	6,900	6,900
Services & Misc.	8,500	8,600	8,100	15,600	15,800	15,900	9,300	9,400	8,700	28,800	29,100	28,400
Government	11,200	11,400	11,000	16,800	17,100	16,300	20,100	22,200	18,400	27,600	28,200	27,700
	DALLAS ***			**EL PASO**			**FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON**			**GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY**		
TOTAL	**1,350.9**	**1,350.9**	**1,348.0**	**195,900**	**196,200**	**193,700**	**540,200**	**538,600**	**527,800**	**73,000**	**72,400**	**73,200**
Manufacturing	222.3	221.5	224.2	39,900	40,000	40,700	121,200	121,200	120,500	8,500	8,500	8,200
Mining	17.4	17.4	18.9	–	–	–	4,000	4,000	3,700	500	500	600
Construction	51.4	50.8	57.3	8,800	8,600	9,200	22,800	22,500	22,700	4,800	4,900	4,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	94.2	93.9	91.5	10,900	10,700	10,700	31,900	31,800	30,100	4,700	4,700	4,700
Trade	350.7	348.4	347.1	48,400	47,800	46,100	139,400	138,600	137,300	14,700	14,300	14,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	126.6	126.5	130.1	8,400	8,400	8,800	27,100	26,900	26,800	4,300	4,200	4,400
Services & Misc	339.0	339.1	332.3	39,500	39,200	39,200	125,000	123,400	119,900	14,700	14,300	14,300
Government	149.3	153.3	146.6	40,000	41,500	39,000	68,800	70,200	66,800	20,800	21,000	22,000
	HOUSTON ***			**KILLEEN-TEMPLE**			**LAREDO**			**LONGVIEW-MARSHALL**		
TOTAL	**1,478.2**	**1,468.4**	**1,436.7**	**73,000**	**72,900**	**71,000**	**39,600**	**39,800**	**37,800**	**66,400**	**66,100**	**66,700**
Manufacturing	158.8	157.8	154.2	8,600	8,600	8,400	1,900	1,900	1,900	15,700	15,600	16,200
Mining	66.1	65.8	66.3	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	1,900	3,600	3,500	3,800
Construction	90.7	88.6	89.3	3,700	3,700	3,500	1,200	1,200	1,200	3,200	3,100	3,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	100.5	99.9	100.6	2,700	2,700	2,800	5,200	5,200	4,800	3,100	3,100	3,000
Trade	367.5	364.0	358.2	16,700	16,600	16,400	12,300	12,100	11,000	17,100	17,000	17,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	99.9	99.8	101.0	3,100	3,000	2,800	1,400	1,400	1,700	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	401.2	396.1	381.8	16,700	16,600	15,900	6,300	6,300	6,200	12,500	12,500	12,100
Government	193.5	196.4	185.3	21,400	21,600	21,100	9,400	9,800	9,100	8,500	8,600	8,300
	LUBBOCK			**MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION**			**MIDLAND**			**ODESSA**		
TOTAL	**93,900**	**94,900**	**92,200**	**98,600**	**98,000**	**94,000**	**44,000**	**44,100**	**45,000**	**42,300**	**42,400**	**43,700**
Manufacturing	7,500	7,700	7,200	14,700	13,900	13,400	2,400	2,400	2,700	4,000	4,000	4,100
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	1,000	9,600	9,600	10,200	5,500	5,500	6,100
Construction	3,000	2,900	3,500	4,200	4,200	4,100	1,400	1,400	1,300	1,700	1,700	2,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4,800	4,800	4,700	3,200	3,100	2,900	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	28,100	28,000	28,200	29,700	30,100	29,600	10,000	10,000	10,000	12,600	12,600	12,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,400	3,800	3,700	3,700	2,200	2,200	2,300	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	23,700	23,600	22,500	16,200	16,200	15,300	9,700	9,700	9,900	7,200	7,300	7,200
Government	20,800	21,900	20,300	25,900	25,900	24,000	6,400	6,500	6,300	7,500	7,500	7,600
	SAN ANGELO			**SAN ANTONIO**			**SHERMAN-DENISON**			**TEXARKANA**		
TOTAL	**36,200**	**36,600**	**36,400**	**510,200**	**513,300**	**499,300**	**36,800**	**37,100**	**38,000**	**46,200**	**45,700**	**45,300**
Manufacturing	5,400	5,500	5,400	48,400	48,100	47,700	11,100	11,100	11,500	7,700	7,400	7,400
Mining	500	500	500	2,000	2,000	2,400	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,200	1,300	1,600	22,700	22,400	25,500	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,600	1,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,800	3,100	19,100	19,100	19,300	1,800	1,900	2,000	2,000	1,900	1,900
Trade	9,200	9,200	9,000	129,200	129,300	126,900	8,000	7,800	8,100	10,800	10,800	10,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	40,400	39,800	39,400	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,200	8,200	8,200	130,400	130,600	124,900	8,100	8,500	8,400	9,600	9,500	9,500
Government	7,100	7,300	6,800	118,000	122,000	113,200	4,300	4,300	4,400	12,500	12,500	12,000
	TYLER			**VICTORIA**			**WACO**			**WICHITA FALLS**		
TOTAL	**61,200**	**61,100**	**60,600**	**28,000**	**28,200**	**27,800**	**79,400**	**80,300**	**77,800**	**50,300**	**50,600**	**50,900**
Manufacturing	10,800	10,900	10,400	3,100	3,100	3,200	15,300	15,300	14,600	8,100	8,200	8,100
Mining	1,900	1,800	2,100	1,200	1,300	1,900	100	100	100	1,800	1,800	1,900
Construction	2,100	2,000	2,100	1,500	1,500	1,600	3,400	3,500	3,600	2,100	2,000	2,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,500	2,600	1,400	1,400	1,400	3,400	3,400	3,300	2,500	2,500	2,600
Trade	16,100	16,100	16,100	7,700	7,800	7,400	19,100	18,900	18,800	12,100	12,100	11,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,400	1,600	1,600	1,600	4,800	4,800	4,900	2,300	2,300	2,400
Services & Misc.	15,000	14,900	14,700	6,200	6,200	6,000	21,000	21,400	20,500	11,800	11,900	11,800
Government	9,400	9,600	9,200	5,300	5,300	4,700	12,300	12,900	12,000	9,600	9,800	10,000

✚ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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Although the unemployment rate also rose in the seasonally adjusted series over the month, the June rate of 6.1 percent was only slightly above May's 5.9 percent. Over the year, however, the rate was down from 7.1 percent.

Nonfarm Jobs Rise Moderately

Texas **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** rose by 36,600 between May and June, due primarily to seasonal increases. During the past year, over 153,000 Nonfarm Salaried Jobs have been added by Texas employers. The majority of the over-the-month gains were concentrated in Services and Trade, which traditionally add workers in the summer months.

About two-thirds of the total new jobs in June were generated by **Services** sectors. The largest increases were in Health Services, as Hospitals expanded, hiring newly-graduated nurses. Nursing Homes and Health Practitioners also recorded sizeable growth. Other factors pushing employment up in Services were the continued hiring of part-time clerical help among Legal Services and expansion in outdoor activities sponsored by civic organizations. Amusement, including Motion Pictures, and Business and Repair Services also recorded sizeable gains in June. These seasonal increases helped push Services as a whole up to a record level in mid-June.

Within **Trade**, over half of the 12,500 jobs added were provided by Eating and Drinking Places, which gained 7,300 positions. More moderate increases occurred in Food Stores and General Merchandise Stores. None of the Trade sectors lost positions over the month.

Transportation and Public Utilities added 1,600 jobs in June, reaching a new record level of 400,400. The Transportation sector continued to provide most of the increase due to growth in Trucking and Warehousing as well as summer travelers. Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services also recorded growth, primarily within Electric Services.

All portions of **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate** had moderate gains over the month, but the largest was among Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers. For the first time this year, **Mining** recorded an increase, adding 1,000 jobs between May and June.

Substantial declines in both Local and State sectors pushed employment in **Government** down by over 9,000 in June. These decreases were primarily due to the layoff of school personnel following the end of the spring semester. A moderate gain in Federal agency employment did little to offset the sizeable losses.

Manufacturing had its best month in 1989 in June, generating 5,300 positions. Contrary to the May increase, however, most of the June growth occurred in Nondurable Goods, as the Durable Goods sector rose by only 1,200. In fact, within **Durable Goods**

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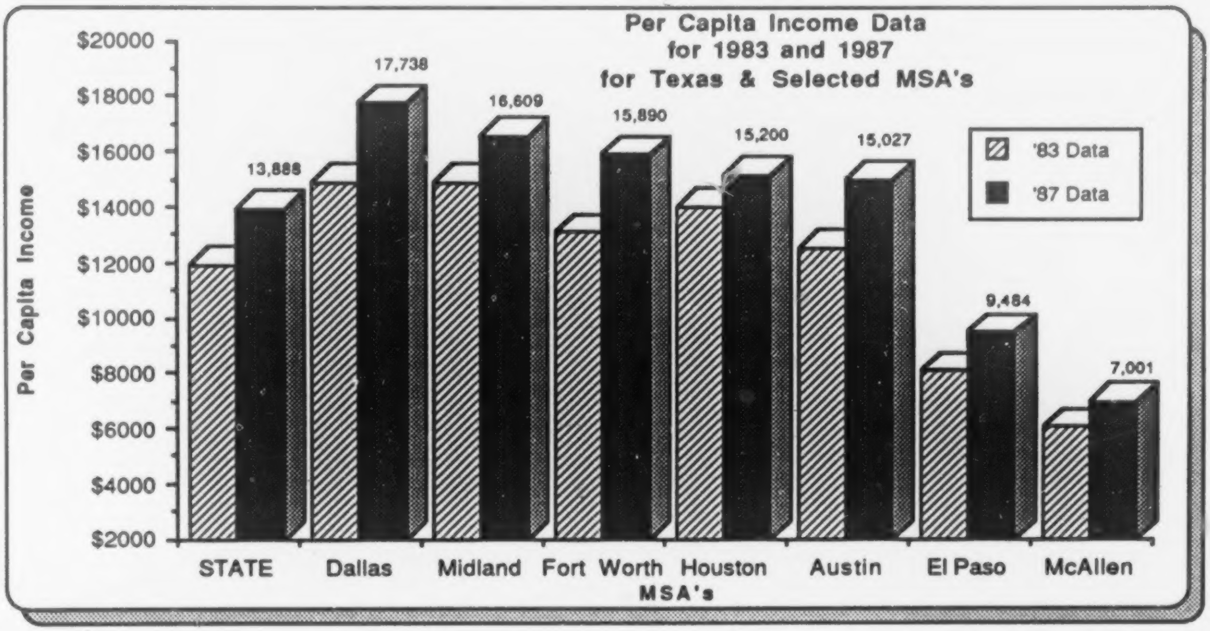

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	June'89*	May '89**	June'88**	Chg. from May '89	Chg. from June'88
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,811,400**	**6,774,800**	**6,658,300**	**36,600**	**153,100**
MANUFACTURING	**973,600**	**968,300**	**962,700**	**5,300**	**10,900**
Durable Goods	**559,400**	**558,200**	**557,200**	**1,200**	**2,200**
Lumber & Wood Products	32,200	32,800	35,000	-600	-2,800
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,600	7,000	7,300	-400	-700
Furniture & Fixtures	15,600	15,800	15,200	-200	400
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	42,100	41,800	42,500	300	-400
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	17,300	17,400	18,000	-100	-700
Primary Metal Industries	28,800	28,600	28,800	200	0
Fabricated Metal Industries	78,100	78,200	76,300	-100	1,800
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	37,000	37,200	35,900	-200	1,100
Machinery, exc. Electrical	107,300	107,000	105,800	300	1,500
Oil Field Machinery	24,600	24,700	25,800	-100	-1,200
Electric & Electronic Equipment	117,500	116,200	117,800	1,300	-300
Transportation Equipment	97,800	98,000	97,500	-200	300
Aircraft & Parts	56,500	56,400	55,500	100	1,000
Instruments & Related Prod.	25,000	24,900	24,000	100	1,000
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	15,000	14,900	14,300	100	700
Nondurable Goods	**414,200**	**410,100**	**405,500**	**4,100**	**8,700**
Food & Kindred Products	97,600	96,000	96,600	1,600	1,000
Meat Products	29,400	29,100	28,800	300	600
Dairy Products	4,500	4,400	4,700	100	-200
Bakery Products	9,700	9,600	9,700	100	0
Malt Beverages	2,900	2,800	3,000	100	-100
Textile Mill Products	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	59,100	59,000	57,000	100	2,100
Paper & Allied Products	25,800	25,400	24,500	400	1,300
Printing & Publishing	76,300	75,800	75,000	500	1,300
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	36,100	35,800	36,200	300	-100
Chemicals & Allied Products	79,600	78,500	77,000	1,100	2,600
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,600	28,200	29,900	400	-1,300
Petroleum Refining	25,500	25,200	26,500	300	-1,000
Leather & Leather Products	8,000	8,000	8,200	0	-200
Other Nondurable Goods	35,300	35,300	33,500	0	1,800
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,837,800**	**5,806,500**	**5,695,600**	**31,300**	**142,200**
Mining	**176,700**	**175,700**	**186,800**	**1,000**	**-10,100**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,000	8,900	9,900	100	-900
Oil & Gas Extraction	167,700	166,800	176,900	900	-9,200
Construction	**314,100**	**314,400**	**334,600**	**-300**	**-20,500**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**400,400**	**398,800**	**391,400**	**1,600**	**9,000**
Railroad Transportation	19,200	19,200	20,800	0	-1,600
Transportation, exc. Railroads	223,800	222,900	212,600	900	11,200
Transportation by Air	69,300	68,900	64,400	400	4,900
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	80,800	80,700	81,400	100	-600
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,600	76,000	76,600	600	0
Electric Services	41,400	41,000	41,300	400	100
Gas Production & Distribution	27,300	27,200	27,700	100	-400
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,674,400**	**1,661,900**	**1,666,300**	**12,500**	**8,100**
Wholesale Trade	417,700	416,500	412,800	1,200	4,900
Retail Trade	1,256,700	1,245,400	1,253,500	11,300	3,200
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,400	43,900	44,200	500	200
General Merchandise Stores	172,400	171,500	164,100	900	8,300
Food Stores	217,200	215,500	223,100	1,700	-5,900
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	134,400	134,000	137,500	400	-3,100
Apparel & Accessory Stores	83,100	82,900	83,200	200	-100
Eating & Drinking Places	423,500	416,200	423,400	7,300	100
Other Retail Trade	181,700	181,400	178,000	300	3,700
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**441,400**	**440,100**	**441,100**	**1,300**	**300**
Banking	97,300	97,000	94,800	300	2,500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	144,600	143,900	141,100	700	3,500
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	199,500	199,200	205,200	300	-5,700
Services	**1,610,000**	**1,585,500**	**1,528,700**	**24,500**	**81,300**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	85,800	84,900	83,400	900	2,400
Personal Services	85,500	85,300	86,600	200	-1,100
Business & Repair Services	450,400	447,500	426,000	2,900	24,400
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	63,800	60,400	61,500	3,400	2,300
Health Services	445,300	434,500	416,400	10,800	28,900
Educational Services	71,200	73,300	68,200	-2,100	3,000
Other Services & Miscellaneous	408,000	399,600	386,600	8,400	21,400
Total Government	**1,220,800**	**1,230,100**	**1,146,700**	**-9,300**	**74,100**
Federal Government	201,200	199,700	195,600	1,500	5,600
State Government	246,000	249,700	227,200	-3,700	18,800
Local Government	773,600	780,700	723,900	-7,100	49,700

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	JUNE'89*	MAY '89**	JUNE'88**	JUNE'89*	MAY '89**	JUNE'88**	JUNE'89*	MAY '89**	JUNE'88**
		ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN	
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,000	52,900	54,100	98,700	96,900	102,800	420,600	420,400	437,300
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,100	3,800	5,600	4,700	6,200	25,000	21,100	29,800
Percent Unemployed	7.0%	5.9%	7.0%	5.7%	4.9%	6.0%	5.9%	5.0%	6.8%
Total Employment ++	49,300	49,800	50,300	93,100	92,200	96,600	395,600	399,300	407,500
		BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN	
Total Civilian Labor Force	162,200	160,900	167,700	84,800	83,700	85,000	99,500	98,200	102,000
Total Unemployment	15,900	13,600	18,600	6,500	5,300	7,600	12,600	10,300	14,700
Percent Unemployed	9.8%	8.5%	11.1%	7.7%	6.3%	8.9%	12.7%	10.5%	14.4%
Total Employment ++	146,300	147,300	149,100	78,300	78,400	77,400	86,900	87,900	87,300
		BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***	
Total Civilian Labor Force	58,600	60,200	57,600	159,400	157,600	164,700	1,450.2	1,435.4	1,506.5
Total Unemployment	2,800	2,500	3,100	14,600	12,100	17,600	83.7	68.5	97.7
Percent Unemployed	4.8%	4.2%	5.4%	9.2%	7.7%	10.7%	5.8%	4.8%	6.5%
Total Employment ++	55,800	57,700	54,500	144,800	145,500	147,100	1,366.5	1,366.9	1,408.8
		EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY	
Total Civilian Labor Force	242,800	237,900	250,500	694,700	685,200	710,600	107,400	106,100	114,300
Total Unemployment	26,500	21,500	29,700	41,100	33,700	49,600	8,300	7,300	11,100
Percent Unemployed	10.9%	9.0%	11.9%	5.9%	4.9%	7.0%	7.7%	6.9%	9.7%
Total Employment ++	216,300	216,400	220,800	653,600	651,500	661,000	99,100	98,800	103,200
		HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,646.6	1,618.1	1,666.3	96,900	95,400	97,800	48,400	47,600	48,000
Total Unemployment	104.5	86.0	127.8	7,500	6,300	8,200	5,700	4,900	6,600
Percent Unemployed	6.3%	5.3%	7.7%	7.7%	6.6%	8.4%	11.8%	10.3%	13.8%
Total Employment ++	1,542.1	1,532.1	1,538.5	89,400	89,100	89,600	42,700	42,700	41,400
		LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION	
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,300	77,600	81,900	114,100	113,200	116,200	157,600	154,400	156,300
Total Unemployment	7,200	6,100	7,600	6,400	4,800	7,000	23,200	20,400	24,000
Percent Unemployed	9.1%	7.9%	9.3%	5.6%	4.2%	6.0%	14.7%	13.2%	15.4%
Total Employment ++	72,100	71,500	74,300	107,700	108,400	109,200	134,400	134,000	132,300
		MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,900	48,500	50,600	52,400	51,600	55,600	44,900	44,600	46,200
Total Unemployment	3,200	2,800	3,100	4,700	3,900	4,500	2,700	2,300	3,000
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	5.8%	6.1%	9.0%	7.6%	8.1%	6.0%	5.2%	6.5%
Total Employment ++	45,700	45,700	47,500	47,700	47,700	51,100	42,200	42,300	43,200
		SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA	
Total Civilian Labor Force	614,200	607,300	628,100	47,300	47,100	50,500	59,200	57,700	59,500
Total Unemployment	48,700	39,400	55,700	2,900	2,400	3,400	4,700	4,100	5,200
Percent Unemployed	7.9%	6.5%	8.9%	6.1%	5.1%	6.7%	7.9%	7.1%	8.7%
Total Employment ++	565,500	567,900	572,400	44,400	44,700	47,100	54,500	53,600	54,300
		TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,800	74,100	76,700	36,100	35,700	37,300	91,900	91,800	94,400
Total Unemployment	5,400	4,700	6,400	2,300	2,000	3,000	5,700	4,600	7,700
Percent Unemployed	7.2%	6.3%	8.3%	6.4%	5.6%	8.0%	6.2%	5.0%	8.2%
Total Employment ++	69,400	69,400	70,300	33,800	33,700	34,300	86,200	87,200	86,700
		WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***	
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,900	56,800	59,500				8,332.9	8,233.2	8,556.8
Total Unemployment	3,500	3,200	3,700				587.7	489.4	682.6
Percent Unemployed	6.2%	5.6%	6.2%				7.1%	5.9%	8.0%
Total Employment ++	53,400	53,600	55,800				7,745.2	7,743.8	7,874.2

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	June'89*	May '89	June'88	June'89*	May '89	June'88	June'89*	May '89	June'88
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 425.94	$ 422.84	$ 416.91	41.8	41.7	41.9	$ 10.19	10.14	9.95
Durable Goods	425.21	420.26	419.90	42.1	41.9	42.5	10.10	10.03	9.88
Lumber & Wood Products	288.69	302.85	301.14	41.3	41.6	42.0	6.99	7.28	7.17
Furniture & Fixtures	250.71	250.87	268.21	36.6	38.3	40.7	6.85	6.55	6.59
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	403.00	400.26	403.06	42.6	42.4	43.2	9.46	9.44	9.33
Primary Metal Industries	463.00	463.83	435.97	41.9	41.9	41.6	11.05	11.07	10.48
Fabricated Metal Products	388.29	379.90	386.91	43.0	42.4	42.8	9.03	8.96	9.04
Machinery, exc. Electric	429.14	425.86	433.43	42.7	42.8	43.3	10.05	9.95	10.01
Oil Field Machinery	510.72	492.86	515.32	44.8	43.5	46.3	11.40	11.33	11.13
Electric & Electronic Equip.	455.26	447.99	436.07	41.2	41.1	41.1	11.05	10.90	10.61
Transportation Equipment	577.26	566.77	570.30	43.6	43.1	44.8	13.24	13.15	12.73
Instruments & Related Prod.	392.18	380.89	377.60	40.1	39.8	40.0	9.78	9.57	9.44
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	287.15	293.79	257.42	40.5	40.3	37.2	7.09	7.29	6.92
Nondurable Goods	426.42	424.15	413.65	41.4	41.3	41.2	10.30	10.27	10.04
Food & Kindred Products	351.09	345.27	332.50	41.5	41.3	41.1	8.46	8.36	8.09
Meat Products	257.90	268.09	255.37	39.8	41.5	40.6	6.48	6.46	6.29
Malt Beverages	864.25	842.39	846.86	45.8	44.5	46.1	18.87	18.93	18.37
Textile Mill Products	345.02	322.71	326.20	45.1	42.8	44.2	7.65	7.54	7.38
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	204.82	209.91	196.65	38.0	38.8	37.6	5.39	5.41	5.23
Paper & Allied Products	481.78	477.73	485.29	43.6	43.0	44.4	11.05	11.11	10.93
Printing & Publishing	398.97	403.26	380.54	39.0	39.0	38.4	10.23	10.34	9.91
Chemicals & Allied Products	690.06	696.58	656.47	43.4	43.7	42.6	15.90	15.94	15.41
Petroleum & Coal Products	726.63	701.52	720.43	45.7	44.4	45.8	15.90	15.80	15.73
Petroleum Refining	753.77	727.41	749.34	45.6	44.3	46.0	16.53	16.42	16.29
Leather & Leather Products	239.78	227.84	229.10	38.8	38.1	38.7	6.18	5.98	5.92
Other Nondurable Goods	393.93	391.62	404.95	43.1	42.8	44.5	9.14	9.15	9.10
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	519.16	496.06	490.86	39.6	38.1	40.5	13.11	13.02	12.12
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	560.24	532.82	543.31	47.0	44.7	46.2	11.92	11.92	11.76
Oil & Gas Extraction	516.12	494.25	486.00	39.1	37.7	40.0	13.20	13.11	12.15
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	520.70	520.58	496.66	39.9	39.8	39.2	13.05	13.08	12.67
Elec., Gas & San. Services	491.93	501.54	482.62	39.8	39.9	40.9	12.36	12.57	11.80
Wholesale & Retail Trade	236.82	234.50	228.90	32.8	32.3	32.7	7.22	7.26	7.00
Wholesale Trade	412.24	408.72	393.21	39.6	39.3	39.4	10.41	10.40	9.98
Retail Trade	184.49	181.80	179.60	30.8	30.2	30.7	5.99	6.02	5.85
General Merchandise Stores	182.70	176.69	176.12	30.0	29.4	29.8	6.09	6.01	5.91
Banking	271.52	270.48	260.91	37.4	36.9	36.8	7.26	7.33	7.09

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 426.12	$ 422.94	$ 407.97	41.9	42.0	41.8	$ 10.17	$ 10.07	9.76
Durable Goods	459.19	453.47	423.90	42.4	42.7	41.6	10.83	10.62	10.19
Nondurable Goods	374.01	373.83	381.91	41.1	40.9	42.2	9.10	9.14	9.05
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	456.09	445.40	450.29	41.5	40.9	42.4	10.99	10.89	10.62
Durable Goods	483.11	468.86	476.30	41.9	41.2	43.3	11.53	11.38	11.00
Nondurable Goods	392.85	390.17	390.26	40.5	40.1	40.4	9.70	9.73	9.66
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	514.61	506.43	495.30	43.5	43.1	43.6	11.83	11.75	11.36
Durable Goods	423.98	417.31	428.09	43.8	43.2	44.5	9.68	9.66	9.62
Nondurable Goods	624.95	616.62	576.22	43.1	43.0	42.4	14.50	14.34	13.59
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	305.37	310.08	304.56	40.5	40.8	40.5	7.54	7.60	7.52
Durable Goods	336.88	344.79	327.20	40.2	40.9	40.0	8.38	8.43	8.18
Nondurable Goods	278.66	278.52	284.54	40.8	40.6	41.0	6.83	6.86	6.94

Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ✣ Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

the only noteable increase was in Electric and Electronic Equipment, where the settlement of a labor-management dispute combined with additional contracts to push employment up by over 1,000 in June. There were several other minor gains and losses interspersed among the Durable Goods segments.

Nondurable Goods gained 4,100 jobs in June. Two sizeable increases contributed significantly to the overall growth. The preserving of fruits and vegetables added more than 1,000 jobs in Food and Kindred Products. Chemicals and Allied Products also recorded a seasonal increase of just over 1,000 jobs. No Nondurable Goods sector recorded a loss between May and June.

Hours and Earnings Rise in June

There were an estimated 629,400 Manufacturing Production Workers in Texas, up 2,300 from May. In mid-June, the average worker was earning $10.19 an hour for a 41.8-hour week, averaging $425.94 per week. Average Hourly Earnings rose by 5¢ over the month, while Average Weekly Hours went up by 0.1 hour. The combined effect of these two increases pushed Average Weekly Earnings up by $3.10 between May and June.

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TEC ACTIVITIES

	JUNE '89	JUNE '88
Total Population	16,896,000*	16,836,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.6	1.8
UI Covered Employers	310,153	312,430
Total Claims Actions	518,763	554,386
Total Initial Claims Actions	61,066	59,830
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	457,697	494,556
Total Placements	44,214	40,946
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$156.13	$154.00
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$59,135,269	$66,487,045

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Abilene	$1,307,143
Amarillo	2,421,073
Austin	6,602,698
Beaumont-Port Arthur	5,992,625
Brazoria	2,205,938
Brownsville-Harlingen	2,865,795
Bryan-College Station	1,121,881
Corpus Christi	3,991,006
Dallas	31,863,396
El Paso	7,194,615
Fort Worth-Arlington	14,925,155
Galveston-Texas City	2,676,823
Houston	35,080,389
Killeen-Temple	1,972,136
Laredo	1,381,759
Longview-Marshall	2,870,726
Lubbock	1,428,784
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	4,819,684
Midland	1,272,438
Odessa	1,886,853
San Angelo	889,534
San Antonio	13,947,285
Sherman-Denison	1,284,526
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	1,011,929
Tyler	2,007,659
Victoria	678,352
Waco	1,890,248
Wichita Falls	1,450,216
State of Texas	211,526,342

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TEXAS ECONOMIC GROWTH SLOWS

Unemployment Rises Seasonally

The July 1989 actual Texas unemployment rate rose to 7.3 percent, a slight increase from the June rate of 7.1 percent. There were 614,500 Texans seeking work in mid-July, up almost 27,000 from the June level. Total employment in July was estimated at 7,813,200, 68,000 above the previous month. There were an estimated 232,600 agricultural workers in Texas in July.

The current unemployment rate of 7.3 percent was moderately above the 6.6 percent recorded in July 1988. It is not unusual for unemployment to be relatively high in July, however, as graduates and other jobseekers continue entering the labor force through the early summer months.

The seasonally adjusted Statewide unemployment rate increased from 6.1 percent in June to 7.2 percent in July. The current rate in this series was also above the year-ago estimate of 6.6 percent. Nationally, the seasonally adjusted rate inched down from 5.3 percent in June to 5.3 percent in July and was marginally below the July 1988 rate of 5.4 percent. The actual U. S. rate slid from 5.5 percent to 5.3 percent over the month, down from 5.5 percent a year ago.

Certain MSA's Show Stronger Growth

Although Statewide economic growth seems to have slowed considerably since a year ago, a few Metropolitan Areas in Texas have experienced much stronger expansion (see the **Graph** on page 3). The **Houston MSA**, for example, has generated an estimated 39,000 additional Nonfarm Salaried Jobs between July 1988 and July 1989. This area has recovered to a significant extent from the sharp decline brought about by the oil and gas crisis in 1986. This is one of the few areas in Texas where Construction employment has improved considerably during the past year. Most of the recent job creation in Houston has been in Trade, Services, and Government.

The other MSA's which are generating higher-than-average numbers of new jobs are the border areas—particularly McAllen-Edinburg-Mission and Laredo. Since these are smaller areas, the size of the expansion is not nearly as great as in Houston, but

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	July'89	June'89	July'88
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	126,238.0	125,569.0	123,889.0
Unemployment	6,736.0	6,850.0	6,823.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.3%**	**5.5%**	**5.5%**
Total Employment	119,502.0	118,719.0	117,066.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	123,956.0	124,102.0	121,658.0
Unemployment	6,497.0	6,561.0	6,624.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.2%**	**5.3%**	**5.4%**
Total Employment	117,459.0	117,541.0	115,034.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,427.7	8,332.9	8,448.2
Unemployment	614.5	587.7	559.3
Percent Unemployed	**7.3%**	**7.1%**	**6.6%**
Total Employment	7,813.2	7,745.2	7,888.9
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,241.0	8,223.0	8,262.0
Unemployment	596.0	502.0	543.0
Percent Unemployed	**7.2%**	**6.1%**	**6.6%**
Total Employment	7,645.0	7,721.0	7,719.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ✦
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	JULY'89*	JUNE'89**	JULY'88**	JULY'89*	JUNE'89**	JULY'88**	JULY'89*	JUNE'89**	JULY'88**	JULY'89*	JUNE'89**	JULY'88**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
TOTAL	48,400	49,000	48,200	76,700	77,600	77,700	346,100	351,300	344,100	134,000	134,100	132,200
Manufacturing	5,000	5,000	4,900	8,800	8,700	9,600	41,800	41,300	41,200	25,600	25,600	25,900
Mining	1,800	1,900	2,100	1,300	1,400	1,400	700	700	700	1,900	1,900	1,700
Construction	1,900	1,900	2,100	4,000	3,900	4,000	13,200	13,200	14,600	9,200	9,000	8,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,300	5,700	5,700	5,800	10,500	10,500	10,500	9,400	9,500	9,600
Trade	13,600	13,600	13,400	22,600	22,700	23,000	76,000	75,800	76,600	32,700	32,600	32,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400	4,100	4,100	4,400	23,900	24,000	24,500	5,100	5,100	5,300
Services & Misc.	12,800	12,800	12,800	17,600	17,600	17,200	86,500	86,200	84,500	30,800	30,500	29,800
Government	8,500	9,000	8,200	12,600	13,500	12,500	93,500	99,600	91,500	19,300	19,900	19,000
	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	60,800	61,500	56,600	70,200	70,100	68,200	49,300	49,300	47,500	127,100	126,700	123,800
Manufacturing	16,300	16,200	15,600	10,200	10,100	10,000	3,600	3,600	3,400	11,300	11,500	11,700
Mining	2,000	1,900	2,100	–	–	–	600	600	600	4,200	4,200	4,100
Construction	7,400	7,800	6,800	2,300	2,200	2,100	1,700	1,800	1,900	9,600	9,600	8,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,900	2,700	2,700	3,200	3,000	3,100	1,500	1,500	1,600	6,500	6,300	6,700
Trade	11,200	11,300	11,000	18,200	18,400	18,000	10,800	10,900	10,700	32,000	31,600	31,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,600	3,600	3,700	1,600	1,600	1,600	6,900	6,900	6,800
Services & Misc.	8,700	8,600	8,100	16,200	16,100	16,000	9,500	9,300	8,700	28,800	28,800	28,400
Government	10,400	11,100	10,300	16,500	16,700	15,300	20,000	20,000	19,000	27,800	27,800	26,600
	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,348.3	1,351.8	1,344.3	195,400	196,700	190,600	538,700	539,100	528,200	73,200	73,200	72,900
Manufacturing	222.4	222.1	224.0	40,500	40,600	40,200	121,300	121,100	121,800	8,500	8,500	8,100
Mining	17.3	17.4	18.9	–	–	–	3,900	4,000	3,700	500	500	500
Construction	51.9	51.2	56.2	8,600	8,800	9,400	22,900	22,600	22,800	5,000	4,900	4,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	95.1	94.6	92.1	11,000	10,900	10,800	31,900	31,700	30,700	4,700	4,700	4,800
Trade	349.4	350.8	347.7	48,800	48,500	45,900	139,400	139,500	135,000	14,700	14,700	14,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	127.2	126.8	130.8	8,500	8,400	8,800	27,100	27,200	27,200	4,200	4,300	4,300
Services & Misc.	340.9	339.4	330.9	39,300	39,400	38,800	125,500	124,600	120,100	14,900	14,800	14,600
Government	144.1	149.5	143.7	38,700	40,100	36,700	66,700	68,400	64,900	20,700	20,800	21,400
	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,474.2	1,477.3	1,435.2	72,300	73,200	71,000	40,100	39,700	38,000	66,600	66,600	65,700
Manufacturing	156.7	159.1	154.1	8,700	8,600	8,600	1,800	1,900	1,900	15,700	15,600	16,200
Mining	66.1	66.2	66.3	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	1,900	3,600	3,600	3,800
Construction	91.3	91.0	90.0	3,400	3,800	3,500	1,200	1,200	1,200	3,300	3,300	3,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	100.7	100.3	101.1	2,700	2,700	2,700	5,400	5,200	4,900	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	367.5	366.6	357.8	16,800	16,800	16,400	12,600	12,400	11,200	17,300	17,300	17,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	99.3	99.6	102.3	3,200	3,200	2,900	1,500	1,500	1,700	2,700	2,700	2,800
Services & Misc.	403.0	401.4	383.8	16,500	16,600	15,900	6,300	6,300	6,100	12,700	12,500	12,200
Government	187.6	193.1	179.8	21,100	21,400	20,900	9,400	9,300	9,100	8,200	8,500	8,000
	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	94,400	93,400	92,800	98,800	98,700	91,000	43,500	43,900	44,600	41,500	41,900	42,800
Manufacturing	7,600	7,500	7,200	14,300	14,900	12,300	2,500	2,400	2,700	4,000	4,000	4,100
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	900	9,500	9,600	10,300	5,800	5,500	6,100
Construction	3,300	3,100	3,400	4,200	4,200	4,100	1,300	1,400	1,300	1,700	1,700	2,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4,600	4,600	4,700	3,300	3,200	2,900	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	28,100	28,100	28,200	29,100	29,700	28,700	10,000	10,000	10,000	12,600	12,600	12,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,400	3,800	3,800	3,700	2,200	2,200	2,300	1,600	1,600	1,700
Services & Misc.	23,500	23,500	23,000	16,100	16,100	15,600	9,700	9,700	9,800	7,300	7,300	7,200
Government	21,300	20,600	20,500	25,100	25,900	22,800	6,000	6,300	5,900	6,600	7,100	6,900
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	36,000	36,300	35,900	505,100	509,100	495,000	36,700	36,600	37,700	45,400	46,100	43,900
Manufacturing	5,500	5,400	5,300	48,200	48,300	47,500	11,200	11,100	11,600	7,700	7,700	7,200
Mining	500	500	500	2,000	2,000	2,300	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,600	22,300	22,400	25,100	1,600	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,600	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,800	3,100	19,200	19,000	19,300	1,700	1,800	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,900
Trade	9,200	9,200	8,900	128,100	128,800	128,100	7,900	7,800	7,900	10,600	10,700	10,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	40,400	40,400	39,800	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,200	8,200	8,200	130,900	130,500	125,100	8,200	8,100	8,400	9,700	9,600	9,500
Government	6,800	7,200	6,500	114,000	117,700	107,800	4,100	4,300	4,200	11,800	12,500	11,300
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	60,900	61,400	60,300	27,800	28,300	27,500	78,700	79,200	77,900	50,000	50,400	50,700
Manufacturing	10,500	10,900	10,400	3,100	3,100	3,100	15,300	15,200	14,600	8,100	8,100	8,200
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,100	1,200	1,200	1,900	100	100	100	1,800	1,800	1,900
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,600	1,500	1,600	3,400	3,500	3,700	2,100	2,100	2,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	3,400	3,400	3,300	2,500	2,500	2,600
Trade	16,100	16,100	16,100	7,800	7,800	7,300	18,900	19,000	18,900	12,100	12,100	11,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,300	3,400	1,600	1,600	1,600	4,800	4,800	4,900	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	15,000	14,800	14,800	6,000	6,100	5,900	20,900	20,900	20,600	11,800	11,900	11,900
Government	9,300	9,700	8,900	5,100	5,600	4,700	11,900	12,300	11,800	9,300	9,600	9,700

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their percentage increases far exceed the Statewide rate. **McAllen-Edinburg-Mission** has added close to 7,000 jobs between July 1988 and July 1989, for a 6.4 percent increase. This is one of the few areas where Manufacturing employment has continued to expand fairly rapidly during the past year, due in part to the Maquiladora (or Twin Plant) Program.

The **Laredo MSA**'s Nonfarm Salaried Jobs count has increased by 5.5 percent over the year, although that gain represented only 2,100 additional jobs. While Transportation, Communications and Utilities has shown strong growth in this area, the bulk of the increase was concentrated in Trade.

El Paso has added close to 5,000 jobs during the year, for a 2.5 percent increase. **Brownsville-Harlingen**'s growth rate also outstripped the Statewide average, at 2.9 percent, although this area has gained only 2,000 new jobs.

The seeming contradiction of the border areas' relatively strong economies and their higher unemployment rates is due in part to the fact that population in these areas is expanding at such a fast rate that economic growth cannot keep pace.

Statewide Jobs Count Declines

For the first time in 1989, **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** dropped between June and July, as 11,000 jobs were deleted Statewide. The July estimate of Nonfarm Salaried Jobs totaled 6,779,600—still over 134,000 above the year-ago level. Most of the monthly declines were seasonal, and the largest portion of these losses occurred in Local Government.

Total **Government** employment dropped by over 19,000 between June and July, due primarily to the release of auxiliary workers in local schools at the end of the spring term. Moderate increases as state agencies hired temporary workers for the summer did little to offset the larger decline in Local Government.

Wholesale and Retail Trade also lost jobs over the month, decreasing by 3,600. The largest cutbacks were in Eating and Drinking Places, where employment normally peaks in June and then begins to decline moderately. Food Stores also recorded a sizeable number of job deletions in July as some temporary workers left their jobs.

Sizeable gains in two sectors pushed employment up by 8,500 in **Services** over the month. Business and Repair Services expanded due primarily to increased hiring of temporary workers; and Educational Services rose as workers were hired for the summer school session.

Construction reached its highest level thus far in 1989, with most of the growth among Special Trade Contractors. Employment rose by 1,800 between June and July. Another 1,800 jobs were created in

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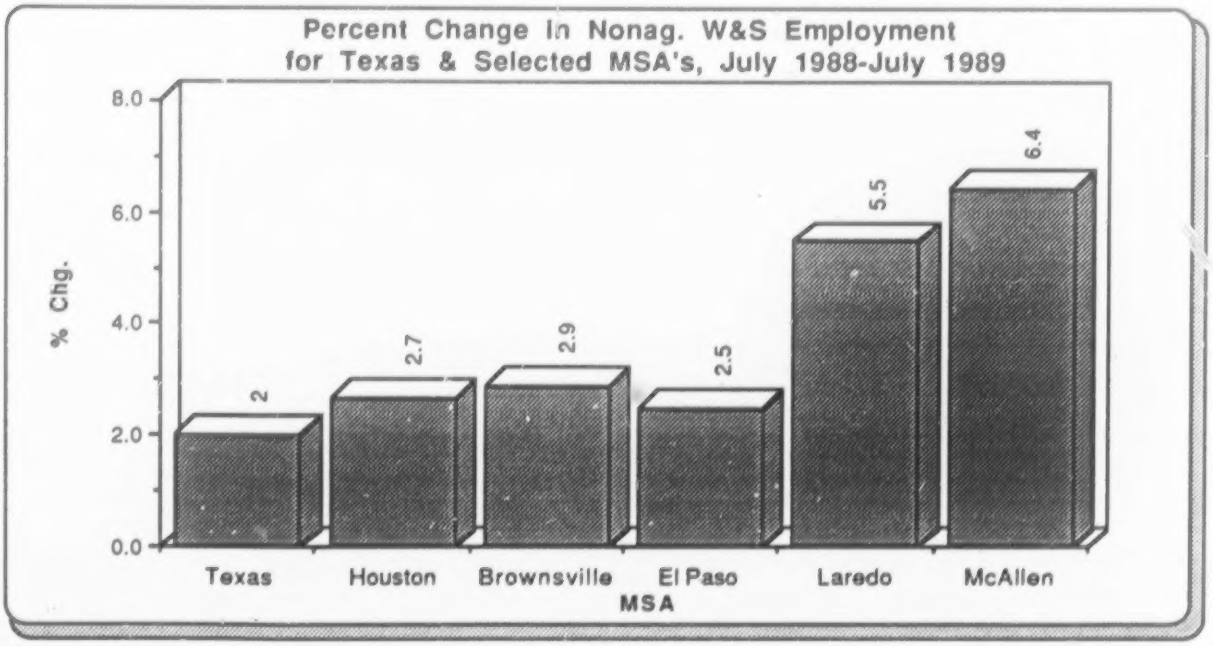

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	July'89*	June'89**	July'88**	Chg. from June'89	Chg. from July'88
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,779,600**	**6,790,600**	**6,645,500**	**-11,000**	**134,100**
MANUFACTURING	**972,900**	**974,600**	**959,900**	**-1,700**	**13,000**
Durable Goods	**559,700**	**560,000**	**556,200**	**-300**	**3,500**
Lumber & Wood Products	32,400	32,400	34,800	0	-2,400
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,800	6,600	7,300	200	-500
Furniture & Fixtures	15,700	15,600	15,500	100	200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	41,800	41,900	42,300	-100	-500
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	17,300	17,400	17,800	-100	-500
Primary Metal Industries	28,700	28,800	28,700	-100	0
Fabricated Metal Industries	78,700	78,500	76,400	200	2,300
Fabr. Structural Metal Prod.	37,300	37,100	35,900	200	1,400
Machinery, exc. Electrical	107,000	107,200	105,500	-200	1,500
Oil Field Machinery	24,500	24,700	25,800	-200	-1,300
Electric & Electronic Equipment	117,400	117,400	117,900	0	-500
Transportation Equipment	98,400	98,100	97,300	300	1,100
Aircraft & Parts	56,700	56,500	55,900	200	800
Instruments & Related Prod.	24,900	25,100	24,000	-200	900
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	14,700	15,000	13,800	-300	900
Nondurable Goods	**413,200**	**414,600**	**403,700**	**-1,400**	**9,500**
Food & Kindred Products	96,700	97,900	95,600	-1,200	1,100
Meat Products	29,300	29,400	28,300	-100	1,000
Dairy Products	4,500	4,500	4,700	0	-200
Bakery Products	9,600	9,700	9,800	-100	-200
Malt Beverages	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	3,900	3,900	3,700	0	200
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	58,600	59,400	56,600	-800	2,000
Paper & Allied Products	25,700	25,700	24,500	0	1,200
Printing & Publishing	76,000	75,800	75,400	200	600
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,900	35,600	36,400	300	-500
Chemicals & Allied Products	80,100	79,800	77,300	300	2,800
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,500	28,500	29,400	0	-900
Petroleum Refining	25,500	25,500	26,100	0	-600
Leather & Leather Products	8,100	8,000	8,200	100	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	35,600	35,600	33,000	0	2,600
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,806,700**	**5,816,000**	**5,685,600**	**-9,300**	**121,100**
Mining	**177,100**	**176,600**	**186,800**	**500**	**-9,700**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,000	9,000	9,800	0	-800
Oil & Gas Extraction	168,100	167,600	177,000	500	-8,900
Construction	**316,700**	**314,900**	**336,700**	**1,800**	**-20,000**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**402,100**	**400,300**	**393,800**	**1,800**	**8,300**
Railroad Transportation	19,200	19,200	20,800	0	-1,600
Transportation, exc. Railroads	225,200	223,700	214,200	1,500	11,000
Transportation by Air	69,700	69,300	65,100	400	4,600
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	81,300	81,000	82,000	300	-700
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,400	76,400	76,800	0	-400
Electric Services	41,200	41,300	41,300	-100	-100
Gas Production & Distribution	27,200	27,200	27,900	0	-700
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,670,000**	**1,673,600**	**1,664,700**	**-3,600**	**5,300**
Wholesale Trade	418,900	417,300	412,600	1,600	6,300
Retail Trade	1,251,100	1,256,300	1,252,100	-5,200	-1,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,300	44,700	43,900	-400	400
General Merchandise Stores	171,900	171,600	163,700	300	8,200
Food Stores	216,100	217,300	224,000	-1,200	-7,900
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	134,500	134,500	138,900	0	-4,400
Apparel & Accessory Stores	83,500	83,000	83,400	500	100
Eating & Drinking Places	420,800	423,300	420,300	-2,500	500
Other Retail Trade	180,000	181,900	177,900	-1,900	2,100
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**442,600**	**441,500**	**442,200**	**1,100**	**400**
Banking	97,400	97,300	94,800	100	2,600
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	145,200	144,700	141,500	500	3,700
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	200,000	199,500	205,900	500	-5,900
Services	**1,606,800**	**1,598,300**	**1,536,000**	**8,500**	**70,800**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	85,200	85,600	83,000	-400	2,200
Personal Services	85,100	85,500	86,000	-400	-900
Business & Repair Services	456,600	450,800	428,300	5,800	28,300
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	64,100	64,000	61,900	100	2,200
Health Services	439,900	440,400	422,300	-500	17,600
Educational Services	69,600	67,200	68,300	2,400	1,300
Other Services & Miscellaneous	406,300	404,800	386,200	1,500	20,100
Total Government	**1,191,400**	**1,210,800**	**1,125,400**	**-19,400**	**66,000**
Federal Government	199,700	200,000	194,800	-300	4,900
State Government	247,400	238,700	231,400	8,700	16,000
Local Government	744,300	772,100	699,200	-27,800	45,100

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	JULY'89*	JUNE'89**	JULY'88**	JULY'89*	JUNE'89**	JULY'88**	JULY'89*	JUNE'89**	JULY'88**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,400	53,200	53,400	99,400	98,800	102,100	421,700	421,100	426,800
Total Unemployment	3,800	3,700	3,000	5,800	5,500	5,500	26,300	25,000	24,300
Percent Unemployed	7.1%	7.0%	5.6%	5.8%	5.6%	5.4%	6.2%	5.9%	5.7%
Total Employment ++	49,600	49,500	50,400	93,600	93,300	96,600	395,400	396,100	402,500
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	164,800	162,700	165,100	84,900	84,900	83,900	102,000	100,400	99,900
Total Unemployment	16,200	15,900	15,400	6,500	6,500	6,200	13,100	12,800	12,000
Percent Unemployed	9.8%	9.8%	9.3%	7.7%	7.7%	7.4%	12.8%	12.7%	12.0%
Total Employment ++	148,600	146,800	149,700	78,400	78,400	77,700	88,900	87,600	87,900
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,400	58,500	58,000	160,700	159,000	160,800	1,472.4	1,447.8	1,493.7
Total Unemployment	3,000	2,800	2,500	14,200	14,500	14,200	91.6	83.6	79.3
Percent Unemployed	5.1%	4.8%	4.3%	8.8%	9.1%	8.8%	6.2%	5.8%	5.3%
Total Employment ++	56,400	55,700	55,500	146,500	144,500	146,600	1,380.8	1,364.2	1,414.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	245,700	244,000	242,500	702,500	691,600	702,400	110,100	107,700	112,800
Total Unemployment	27,100	26,800	23,400	42,400	40,900	40,100	8,800	8,300	9,000
Percent Unemployed	11.0%	11.0%	9.6%	6.0%	5.9%	5.7%	8.0%	7.7%	8.0%
Total Employment ++	218,600	217,200	219,100	660,100	650,700	662,300	101,300	99,400	103,800
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,672.1	1,648.9	1,656.6	98,000	97,400	97,500	49,500	48,700	47,500
Total Unemployment	108.9	104.7	104.0	7,600	7,600	6,800	5,900	5,800	5,300
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	6.3%	6.3%	7.8%	7.8%	7.0%	11.9%	11.9%	11.2%
Total Employment ++	1,563.2	1,544.2	1,552.6	90,400	89,800	90,700	43,600	42,900	42,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	81,200	79,900	81,600	116,500	113,400	116,200	154,900	157,300	147,000
Total Unemployment	7,500	7,200	6,300	7,200	6,400	5,800	25,200	23,100	21,500
Percent Unemployed	9.2%	9.0%	7.7%	6.2%	5.6%	5.0%	16.3%	14.7%	14.6%
Total Employment ++	73,700	72,700	75,300	109,300	107,000	110,400	129,700	134,200	125,500
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	49,300	49,100	50,400	52,400	51,900	54,400	44,900	45,000	45,900
Total Unemployment	3,400	3,200	2,700	4,900	4,700	3,700	2,700	2,700	2,600
Percent Unemployed	6.9%	6.5%	5.4%	9.4%	9.1%	6.8%	6.0%	6.0%	5.7%
Total Employment ++	45,900	45,900	47,700	47,500	47,200	50,700	42,200	42,300	43,300
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	616,600	611,700	617,100	48,000	47,500	50,300	58,500	58,900	58,200
Total Unemployment	49,600	48,500	46,100	3,000	3,000	2,900	4,400	4,700	4,400
Percent Unemployed	8.0%	7.9%	7.5%	6.3%	6.3%	5.8%	7.5%	8.0%	7.6%
Total Employment ++	567,000	563,200	571,000	45,000	44,500	47,400	54,100	54,200	53,800
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	75,800	75,100	76,000	36,700	36,600	36,900	92,700	92,000	93,700
Total Unemployment	5,800	5,400	5,200	2,400	2,300	2,300	5,800	5,700	6,100
Percent Unemployed	7.7%	7.2%	6.8%	6.5%	6.3%	6.2%	6.3%	6.2%	6.5%
Total Employment ++	70,000	69,700	70,800	34,300	34,300	34,600	86,900	86,300	87,600
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,400	56,900	58,800				8,427.7	8,332.9	8,448.2
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,500	3,100				614.5	587.7	559.3
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	6.2%	5.3%				7.3%	7.1%	6.6%
Total Employment ++	53,700	53,400	55,700				7,813.2	7,745.2	7,888.9

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✤

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	July'89*	June'89	July'88	July'89*	June'89	July'88	July'89*	June'89	July'88
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 423.54	$ 425.76	$ 417.00	41.2	41.7	41.7	$ 10.28	10.21	10.00
Durable Goods	417.99	424.87	412.00	41.1	41.9	41.7	10.17	10.14	9.88
Lumber & Wood Products	282.10	286.30	288.67	40.3	40.9	40.6	7.00	7.00	7.11
Furniture & Fixtures	262.36	247.73	275.37	38.3	36.7	41.1	6.85	6.75	6.70
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	405.45	397.52	404.07	42.5	42.2	42.4	9.54	9.42	9.53
Primary Metal Industries	461.49	468.10	443.69	42.3	42.4	41.7	10.91	11.04	10.64
Fabricated Metal Products	385.22	389.05	382.12	42.1	42.8	42.6	9.15	9.09	8.97
Machinery, exc. Electric	414.24	420.73	419.00	41.3	42.2	41.9	10.03	9.97	10.00
Oil Field Machinery	498.61	498.77	491.01	44.4	44.1	44.8	11.23	11.31	10.96
Electric & Electronic Equip.	458.20	477.36	423.31	39.5	41.8	40.2	11.60	11.42	10.53
Transportation Equipment	548.22	570.64	554.99	41.5	43.1	43.7	13.21	13.24	12.70
Instruments & Related Prod.	387.53	391.95	385.92	40.2	40.2	40.2	9.64	9.75	9.60
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	291.80	286.63	264.65	39.7	40.2	37.7	7.35	7.13	7.02
Nondurable Goods	430.97	426.62	421.41	41.4	41.5	41.6	10.41	10.28	10.13
Food & Kindred Products	353.64	354.90	353.62	42.1	42.1	42.4	8.40	8.43	8.34
Meat Products	263.91	263.91	262.81	41.3	41.3	41.0	6.39	6.39	6.41
Malt Beverages	857.35	925.38	972.84	44.7	48.5	52.7	19.18	19.08	18.46
Textile Mill Products	332.54	343.35	313.85	43.3	45.0	42.7	7.68	7.63	7.35
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	199.23	206.44	198.50	37.1	38.3	38.1	5.37	5.39	5.21
Paper & Allied Products	486.95	489.63	476.54	43.4	43.6	43.8	11.22	11.23	10.88
Printing & Publishing	406.12	396.81	393.57	38.9	38.6	39.2	10.44	10.28	10.04
Chemicals & Allied Products	705.26	689.63	660.45	44.3	43.4	42.5	15.92	15.89	15.54
Petroleum & Coal Products	731.14	720.50	725.15	45.3	45.4	46.1	16.14	15.87	15.73
Petroleum Refining	760.13	747.74	754.69	45.3	45.4	46.3	16.78	16.47	16.30
Leather & Leather Products	246.31	251.07	226.59	39.6	40.3	38.8	6.22	6.23	5.84
Other Nondurable Goods	388.92	390.64	405.10	42.0	42.6	43.7	9.26	9.17	9.27
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	523.38	519.95	512.41	39.5	39.6	40.7	13.25	13.13	12.59
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	564.53	544.29	546.15	47.4	45.7	46.6	11.91	11.91	11.72
Oil & Gas Extraction	521.04	518.62	510.20	39.0	39.2	40.3	13.36	13.23	12.66
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	527.31	524.11	505.53	40.5	40.1	39.9	13.02	13.07	12.67
Elec., Gas & San. Services	517.59	491.57	490.88	40.5	39.9	41.6	12.78	12.32	11.80
Wholesale & Retail Trade	240.04	237.14	232.36	33.2	32.8	33.1	7.23	7.23	7.02
Wholesale Trade	417.35	411.59	396.58	39.9	39.5	39.5	10.46	10.42	10.04
Retail Trade	186.89	184.80	183.14	31.2	30.8	31.2	5.99	6.00	5.87
General Merchandise Stores	186.93	181.20	179.95	31.0	30.0	30.5	6.03	6.04	5.90
Banking	295.14	271.90	276.64	40.1	37.4	38.8	7.36	7.27	7.13

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	July'89*	June'89	July'88	July'89*	June'89	July'88	July'89*	June'89	July'88
DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 422.10	$ 426.54	$ 407.95	41.1	41.9	41.5	$ 10.27	$ 10.18	9.83
Durable Goods	449.60	460.73	423.74	41.4	42.7	41.3	10.86	10.79	10.26
Nondurable Goods	376.25	372.41	381.22	40.5	40.7	41.8	9.29	9.15	9.12
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	448.51	454.30	445.17	40.7	41.3	41.8	11.02	11.00	10.65
Durable Goods	471.17	479.65	464.36	40.9	41.6	42.1	11.52	11.53	11.03
Nondurable Goods	396.15	394.47	398.11	40.3	40.5	41.0	9.83	9.74	9.71
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	521.40	519.20	500.69	44.0	44.0	43.5	11.85	11.80	11.51
Durable Goods	428.03	426.09	424.51	43.9	44.2	43.9	9.75	9.64	9.67
Nondurable Goods	634.48	633.35	594.35	44.0	43.8	43.1	14.42	14.46	13.79
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	298.15	306.06	296.11	39.7	40.7	39.8	7.51	7.52	7.44
Durable Goods	328.64	336.15	313.82	39.5	40.5	38.6	8.32	8.30	8.13
Nondurable Goods	271.15	280.17	280.57	39.7	40.9	40.9	6.83	6.85	6.86

✤Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

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Transportation and Public Utilities over the month. The majority of this increase was centered in Transportation—particularly Trucking and Air Transportation. This sector gained 1,500 jobs as a result of both seasonal demand and general economic growth.

Moderate gains among Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers and in Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate pushed employment in **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate** up by just over 1,000 jobs in July. An additional 500 jobs were created in the Oil and Gas Extraction sector of **Mining** in July.

Manufacturing recorded a moderate number of layoffs over the month, dropping 1,700 jobs. Although both sectors lost positions in July, the majority of the decline was in Nondurable Goods. Within **Durable Goods**, the largest over-the-month change was an increase of 300 jobs in Transportation Equipment. Smaller gains and losses were interspersed among the other Durable Goods industries, leaving the sector down by 300 in July.

Two notable decreases occurred in **Nondurable Goods** in July. The largest was in Food and Kindred Products, as workers in Preserved Fruits and Vegetables were laid off following the summer canning season. A more moderate decline was reported in Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products. The combination of these sizeable losses, partially offset by minor growth in other segments, dropped employment in Nondurable Goods by 1,400 over the month.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	JULY '89	JULY '88
Total Population	16,901,000*	16,841,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	1.7
UI Covered Employers	308,789	311,565
Total Claims Actions	484,122	481,010
Total Initial Claims Actions	62,300	60,015
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	421,822	420,995
Total Placements	39,244	36,986
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$154.24	$152.76
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$52,044,776	$55,115,918

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

Hours Decline; Earnings Rise

There were an estimated 629,400 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers in July—down 1,000 from the June level but 11,000 above the year-ago level. In mid-July, the average worker was earning $10.28 an hour for a 41.2-hour work week, bringing his Average Weekly Earnings to $423.54. Average Weekly Hours dropped by half an hour between June and July, while Average Hourly Earnings increased by 7¢. Despite the rise in hourly earnings, the fairly sharp decrease in the number of hours worked pushed Average Weekly Earnings down by $2.22 over the month. Most of the drop in the number of hours worked was centered in the Durable Goods sector, where Average Hours declined by 0.8 hour, while in Nondurable Goods the decrease was only 0.1 hour.

Although Average Weekly Hours also decreased by half an hour between July 1988 and July 1989, Average Hourly Earnings rose by 28¢ over the year, pushing Average Weekly Earnings up by $6.54.

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ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN CONTINUES

Unemployment Slides Downward

Unemployment declined moderately in Texas over the past month, as the actual rate inched downward from 7.3 percent in July to 7.2 percent in August. Total unemployment decreased by just under 5,000 in August, to a level of 609,700. The number of Texans with jobs rose by almost 30,000 over the month, totaling 7,842,700 in mid-August. There were an estimated 219,700 agricultural workers in the State in August, according to the Current Population Survey.

Although the current unemployment rate was somewhat higher than the 6.7 percent recorded in August 1988, the increase was not large enough to be significant, as joblessness is quite volatile during the summer months. At most, the higher rate this year may signal a general slowing of the State's economy.

The seasonally adjusted rate for Texas rose slightly over the month, from 7.2 percent to 7.5 percent in August—also above the year-ago rate of 6.9 percent. The seasonally adjusted U. S. rate remained constant over the month, at 5.2 percent. The actual rate for the Nation was 5.1 percent in August, down slightly from 5.3 percent in July. National rates in both series were moderately below their year-ago levels.

Nonfarm Jobs Decline Moderately

For the second consecutive month, the count of Nonfarm Salaried Jobs in Texas dropped in August. Total **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** was estimated at 6,771,100 in mid-August, down 5,100 from the July level. Most of the over-the-month losses were seasonally oriented, but downturns were experienced in four of the major industry sectors in August.

The largest declines occurred in **Government**, where some 5,000 jobs were deleted as summer school ended in state and local schools and colleges. A small increase in Federal Government did little to offset these larger losses.

Seasonal factors also influenced employment in **Services**, which dropped by 2,000 in August. The most notable cutbacks were in the Other Services and Miscellaneous category. Within this industry group, the largest

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Aug.'89	July'89	Aug.'88
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	125,444.0	126,238.0	123,396.0
Unemployment	6,352.0	6,736.0	6,659.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.1%**	**5.3%**	**5.4%**
Total Employment	119,092.0	119,502.0	116,737.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	124,018.0	123,956.0	122,000.0
Unemployment	6,421.0	6,497.0	6,797.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.2%**	**5.2%**	**5.6%**
Total Employment	117,597.0	117,459.0	115,203.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,452.4	8,427.7	8,424.5
Unemployment	609.7	614.5	564.9
Percent Unemployed	**7.2%**	**7.3%**	**6.7%**
Total Employment	7,842.7	7,813.2	7,859.6
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,352.0	8,241.0	8,328.0
Unemployment	623.0	596.0	576.0
Percent Unemployed	**7.5%**	**7.2%**	**6.9%**
Total Employment	7,729.0	7,645.0	7,752.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**
Industry	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
TOTAL	**48,700**	**48,400**	**48,700**	**76,100**	**76,300**	**76,800**	**345,100**	**346,000**	**343,700**	**134,900**	**134,400**	**131,800**
Manufacturing	5,100	5,000	4,900	8,600	8,700	9,500	41,600	41,700	41,600	25,600	25,700	25,700
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,100	1,300	1,300	1,400	700	700	700	2,000	1,900	1,700
Construction	1,900	1,900	2,200	4,000	4,000	3,900	13,100	13,100	14,600	9,500	9,200	8,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,400	2,400	5,800	5,700	5,500	10,500	10,500	10,400	9,600	9,500	9,600
Trade	13,700	13,600	13,600	22,400	22,300	22,900	76,400	76,100	76,500	33,100	32,900	32,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400	4,000	4,100	4,300	23,800	23,900	24,400	5,100	5,100	5,300
Services & Misc.	12,700	12,600	12,700	17,500	17,500	17,000	86,400	86,600	84,200	30,800	30,800	29,600
Government	8,400	8,500	8,400	12,500	12,700	12,300	92,600	93,400	91,300	19,200	19,300	18,800
	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	**61,000**	**61,000**	**58,600**	**69,800**	**69,500**	**68,300**	**48,600**	**48,800**	**47,500**	**126,400**	**126,200**	**123,600**
Manufacturing	16,200	16,300	15,600	10,000	10,000	10,200	3,600	3,600	3,300	11,400	11,400	11,600
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,000	—	—	—	600	600	600	4,100	4,200	4,200
Construction	7,600	7,400	6,800	2,100	2,200	2,100	1,800	1,700	1,900	9,600	9,600	8,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,900	2,700	3,100	3,000	3,300	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,600	6,400	6,700
Trade	11,400	11,300	11,200	18,300	18,300	18,100	10,600	10,400	10,800	32,300	32,200	31,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,600	3,600	3,700	1,600	1,600	1,600	7,000	7,000	6,800
Services & Misc.	8,700	8,700	8,100	16,500	16,400	15,900	9,300	9,400	8,700	28,700	28,600	28,300
Government	10,500	10,500	10,200	16,200	16,000	15,000	19,600	20,000	19,100	26,700	26,800	26,200
	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	**1,346.9**	**1,348.0**	**1,342.7**	**198,500**	**196,400**	**192,100**	**538,000**	**537,800**	**525,900**	**72,600**	**72,900**	**72,800**
Manufacturing	221.1	222.4	223.4	42,600	41,500	41,400	121,500	121,200	120,900	8,500	8,500	8,100
Mining	17.3	17.3	18.9	—	—	—	3,800	3,900	3,700	500	500	600
Construction	51.5	52.1	56.2	8,600	8,600	9,400	23,300	22,900	22,800	4,800	4,900	4,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	95.6	95.4	92.2	11,100	11,200	10,900	31,700	32,000	30,300	4,700	4,700	4,700
Trade	350.2	349.3	347.4	48,900	48,600	45,900	139,700	139,000	136,700	14,700	14,600	14,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	126.7	127.1	130.0	8,500	8,500	8,800	27,200	27,100	26,800	4,100	4,200	4,300
Services & Misc.	340.7	340.2	331.1	39,500	39,000	39,000	125,100	125,700	120,400	14,800	15,000	14,600
Government	143.8	144.2	144.5	39,300	39,000	36,700	65,700	66,000	64,300	20,500	20,500	21,400
	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	**1,474.1**	**1,477.4**	**1,435.9**	**72,300**	**72,500**	**71,200**	**40,000**	**39,800**	**38,000**	**66,500**	**66,500**	**66,200**
Manufacturing	159.0	159.3	154.9	8,600	8,700	8,400	1,800	1,800	1,900	15,800	15,700	16,100
Mining	66.1	66.1	66.6	100	100	100	1,800	1,800	1,900	3,600	3,600	3,700
Construction	91.4	91.4	90.7	3,500	3,400	3,600	1,300	1,200	1,200	3,100	3,100	3,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	101.7	101.2	101.2	2,700	2,700	2,800	5,400	5,400	4,900	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	369.2	367.8	357.7	16,800	16,600	16,500	12,700	12,600	11,200	17,400	17,400	17,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	99.9	99.6	102.6	3,200	3,200	2,900	1,600	1,500	1,700	2,700	2,700	2,600
Services & Misc.	401.3	404.7	383.8	16,400	16,500	16,000	6,300	6,300	6,300	12,600	12,700	12,100
Government	185.5	187.3	178.4	21,000	21,100	20,900	9,100	9,200	8,900	8,200	8,200	7,900
	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	**94,700**	**94,500**	**93,000**	**93,500**	**93,600**	**90,800**	**43,400**	**43,200**	**44,200**	**41,600**	**41,600**	**42,700**
Manufacturing	7,800	7,600	7,300	13,600	14,000	12,100	2,500	2,500	2,600	4,000	4,000	4,100
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	1,000	9,400	9,400	10,100	5,600	5,600	5,800
Construction	3,200	3,300	3,500	4,200	4,200	4,200	1,500	1,300	1,400	1,800	1,700	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4,600	4,600	4,800	3,100	3,300	2,900	2,200	2,200	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	28,200	28,100	28,000	28,000	27,900	28,800	10,000	9,900	10,000	12,600	12,700	12,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,400	4,000	3,800	3,700	2,200	2,300	2,300	1,600	1,600	1,700
Services & Misc.	23,500	23,500	23,000	16,100	15,900	15,300	9,600	9,600	9,600	7,100	7,100	7,200
Government	21,400	21,400	20,600	23,600	23,600	22,800	6,000	6,000	5,900	6,800	6,800	6,900
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	**35,400**	**35,900**	**35,800**	**500,800**	**503,700**	**494,800**	**36,700**	**36,700**	**37,700**	**45,600**	**45,500**	**43,900**
Manufacturing	5,400	5,500	5,400	47,400	48,200	47,200	11,200	11,200	11,500	7,700	7,700	7,300
Mining	500	500	500	2,100	2,100	2,300	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,500	22,400	22,400	24,700	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,600	1,600	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,800	3,100	18,900	19,200	19,200	1,700	1,700	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,900
Trade	8,900	9,100	8,900	127,800	127,500	128,800	7,900	7,900	8,000	10,900	10,700	10,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	40,400	40,400	40,000	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,200	8,200	8,200	130,000	130,800	125,100	8,200	8,200	8,300	9,600	9,700	9,500
Government	6,700	6,800	6,400	111,800	113,100	107,500	4,100	4,100	4,200	11,800	11,800	11,200
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	**60,200**	**60,500**	**59,900**	**27,700**	**27,700**	**27,100**	**78,100**	**78,800**	**77,300**	**50,100**	**50,000**	**50,500**
Manufacturing	10,400	10,500	10,500	3,000	3,100	3,100	15,400	15,400	14,600	8,100	8,100	8,200
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,000	1,200	1,200	1,700	100	100	100	1,800	1,800	1,900
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,600	1,500	1,600	3,300	3,400	3,800	2,000	2,100	2,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	3,400	3,400	3,300	2,500	2,500	2,600
Trade	16,100	16,100	16,100	7,800	7,700	7,400	18,800	18,900	18,800	12,100	12,100	11,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,400	3,400	1,500	1,600	1,600	4,800	4,800	4,900	2,400	2,300	2,400
Services & Misc.	14,700	14,700	14,600	6,100	6,000	5,700	20,700	20,900	20,500	11,900	11,800	11,900
Government	9,100	9,200	8,700	5,100	5,200	4,600	11,600	11,900	11,300	9,300	9,300	9,500

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decreases were reported among Civic, Social and Fraternal Associations, as summer recreational programs sponsored by these groups drew to a close. Also in this industry grouping, Legal Services dropped as clerical personnel hired for the summer left to return to school.

Amusements, including Motion Pictures, also recorded seasonal declines, as did Hotels and Other Lodging Places. A substantial upturn in Health Services, due primarily to increases among Nursing and Convalescent Homes, managed only to partially offset the more numerous cutbacks within other Service sectors in August.

Employment in **Wholesale and Retail Trade** decreased by only 300 jobs over the month, as small gains and losses basically offset one another. The largest upturn was in Food Stores, which increased by 800 jobs. General Merchandise Stores also gained jobs in August, with 500 accessions. These increases were nullified by a decline of 500 in Other Retail Trade, along with smaller losses in Eating and Drinking Places, Building Materials and Garden Supplies, and Automotive Dealers and Service Stations.

Within Nonmanufacturing, there were a few sectors which gained jobs in August. **Transportation and Public Utilities** increased by 1,800, with all major segments either advancing or remaining unchanged over the month. Transportation, except Railroads, showed the strongest growth, with the addition of 1,300 jobs. The two sectors which contributed most to this increase were Transportation by Air and Water Transportation. Communication gained 500 jobs, most of which were concentrated in Telephone Communication.

Employers in **Construction** added 1,000 jobs between July and August. This advance continued an upturn in Construction which began in March. Although some months have shown only modest increases, the industry has added over 15,000 jobs since February 1989. Despite this expansion, however, current employment is still almost 19,000 below the year-ago level. **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate** managed only a marginal gain over the month, as Banking and Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers each added 100 jobs.

Manufacturing registered a downturn in August for the second consecutive month, losing 1,300 jobs. While the month-to-month decline was not large, the overall trend is not encouraging. Last year, Manufacturing had gained over 20,000 jobs between January and August. This year, less than 7,000 jobs have been created during that same period. Manufacturing growth has definitely slowed in 1989, and **Durable Goods**, the sector which generated two-thirds of the growth last year, is now only 600 jobs above its year-ago level (see **Chart** below).

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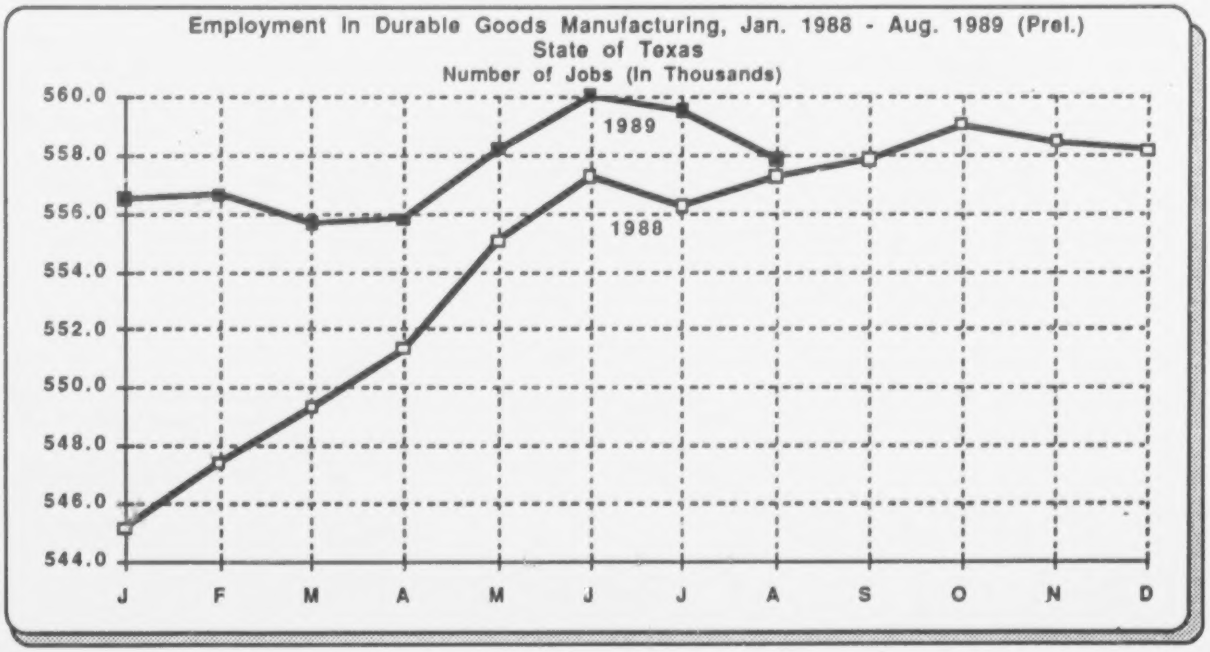

Employment in Durable Goods Manufacturing, Jan. 1988 - Aug. 1989 (Prel.)
State of Texas
Number of Jobs (In Thousands)

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Aug.'89*	July'89**	Aug.'88**	Chg. from July'89	Chg. from Aug.'88
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,771,100**	**6,776,200**	**6,643,100**	**-5,100**	**128,000**
MANUFACTURING	**970,900**	**972,200**	**963,700**	**-1,300**	**7,200**
Durable Goods	**557,800**	**559,500**	**557,200**	**-1,700**	**600**
Lumber & Wood Products	32,100	32,300	34,800	-200	-2,700
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,800	6,800	7,200	0	-400
Furniture & Fixtures	16,000	15,800	16,100	200	-100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	41,700	41,800	42,300	-100	-600
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	17,200	17,300	17,600	-100	-400
Primary Metal Industries	28,800	28,600	28,700	200	100
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,900	78,800	76,400	-900	1,500
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	37,000	37,300	35,900	-300	1,100
Machinery, exc. Electrical	106,200	106,800	105,200	-600	1,000
Oil Field Machinery	24,500	24,300	25,700	200	-1,200
Electric & Electronic Equipment	116,900	117,400	117,700	-500	-800
Transportation Equipment	98,500	98,400	97,400	100	1,100
Aircraft & Parts	57,100	56,700	56,100	400	1,000
Instruments & Related Prod.	24,900	24,900	24,100	0	800
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	14,800	14,700	14,500	100	300
Nondurable Goods	**413,100**	**412,700**	**406,500**	**400**	**6,600**
Food & Kindred Products	97,600	96,800	97,100	800	500
Meat Products	29,400	29,400	28,600	0	800
Dairy Products	4,500	4,500	4,700	0	-200
Bakery Products	9,700	9,600	9,800	100	-100
Malt Beverages	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	58,800	58,900	56,900	-100	1,900
Paper & Allied Products	25,600	25,700	24,800	-100	800
Printing & Publishing	75,400	75,800	75,500	-400	-100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,700	35,900	36,200	-200	-500
Chemicals & Allied Products	79,500	79,700	77,400	-200	2,100
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,400	28,400	29,400	0	-1,000
Petroleum Refining	25,400	25,400	26,000	0	-600
Leather & Leather Products	8,100	8,000	8,200	100	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	35,800	35,500	33,400	300	2,400
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,800,200**	**5,804,000**	**5,679,400**	**-3,800**	**120,800**
Mining	**177,400**	**177,100**	**186,100**	**300**	**-8,700**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,000	9,000	9,700	0	-700
Oil & Gas Extraction	168,400	168,100	176,400	300	-8,000
Construction	**317,500**	**316,500**	**336,100**	**1,000**	**-18,600**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**403,900**	**402,100**	**395,000**	**1,800**	**8,900**
Railroad Transportation	19,100	19,100	20,500	0	-1,400
Transportation, exc. Railroads	226,900	225,600	216,000	1,300	10,900
Transportation by Air	70,100	69,600	65,700	500	4,400
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	81,400	80,900	81,800	500	-400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,500	76,500	76,700	0	-200
Electric Services	41,000	41,200	41,200	-200	-200
Gas Production & Distribution	27,500	27,400	27,800	100	-300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,669,000**	**1,669,300**	**1,663,600**	**-300**	**5,400**
Wholesale Trade	418,600	418,900	412,300	-300	6,300
Retail Trade	1,250,400	1,250,400	1,251,300	0	-900
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,700	44,000	43,700	-300	0
General Merchandise Stores	171,900	171,400	164,900	500	7,000
Food Stores	216,900	216,100	223,100	800	-6,200
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	133,500	133,700	138,600	-200	-5,100
Apparel & Accessory Stores	84,100	84,100	84,300	0	-200
Eating & Drinking Places	419,800	420,100	417,500	-300	2,300
Other Retail Trade	180,500	181,000	179,200	-500	1,300
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**442,000**	**441,800**	**442,600**	**200**	**-600**
Banking	97,600	97,500	94,800	100	2,800
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	144,800	144,700	141,500	100	3,300
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	199,600	199,600	206,300	0	-6,700
Services	**1,607,500**	**1,609,500**	**1,534,100**	**-2,000**	**73,400**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	84,600	85,000	82,900	-400	1,700
Personal Services	84,700	84,900	85,300	-200	-600
Business & Repair Services	459,900	459,300	429,900	600	30,000
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	63,700	64,400	60,500	-700	3,200
Health Services	441,900	440,900	424,200	1,000	17,700
Educational Services	67,400	67,400	68,400	0	-1,000
Other Services & Miscellaneous	405,300	407,600	382,900	-2,300	22,400
Total Government	**1,182,900**	**1,187,700**	**1,121,900**	**-4,800**	**61,000**
Federal Government	199,700	199,300	195,500	400	4,200
State Government	246,700	247,800	229,900	-1,100	16,800
Local Government	736,500	740,600	696,500	-4,100	40,000

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,700	53,500	53,700	99,900	99,500	101,200	421,100	421,300	426,100
Total Unemployment	3,800	3,800	3,000	5,800	5,900	5,500	25,300	26,400	24,600
Percent Unemployed	7.1%	7.1%	5.6%	5.8%	5.9%	5.4%	6.0%	6.3%	5.8%
Total Employment ++	49,900	49,700	50,700	94,100	93,600	95,700	395,800	394,900	401,500
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	165,900	165,700	164,800	86,000	85,300	83,800	104,000	102,100	100,900
Total Unemployment	15,300	16,300	15,500	6,400	6,600	6,200	13,700	13,200	12,500
Percent Unemployed	9.2%	9.8%	9.4%	7.4%	7.7%	7.4%	13.2%	12.9%	12.4%
Total Employment ++	150,600	149,400	149,300	79,600	78,700	77,600	90,300	88,900	88,400
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,000	59,200	58,000	160,600	159,700	159,500	1,473.2	1,466.6	1,484.6
Total Unemployment	2,900	3,000	2,400	14,200	14,300	13,700	89.3	87.4	80.2
Percent Unemployed	4.9%	5.1%	4.1%	8.8%	9.0%	8.6%	6.1%	6.0%	5.4%
Total Employment ++	56,100	56,200	55,600	146,400	145,400	145,800	1,383.9	1,379.2	1,404.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	249,900	247,400	243,700	708,600	700,600	699,200	109,300	109,900	112,100
Total Unemployment	26,600	27,400	24,300	46,100	42,700	40,500	8,300	8,800	9,100
Percent Unemployed	10.6%	11.1%	10.0%	6.5%	6.1%	5.8%	7.6%	8.0%	8.1%
Total Employment ++	223,300	220,000	219,400	662,500	657,900	658,700	101,000	101,100	103,000
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,681.8	1,679.4	1,654.5	98,400	98,600	97,500	49,600	49,500	47,200
Total Unemployment	108.3	109.9	103.1	7,500	7,800	7,100	5,600	6,000	5,200
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	6.5%	6.2%	7.6%	7.9%	7.3%	11.3%	12.1%	11.0%
Total Employment ++	1,573.5	1,569.5	1,551.4	90,900	90,800	90,400	44,000	43,500	42,000
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	81,400	81,300	81,200	116,300	116,700	116,000	152,300	150,900	146,600
Total Unemployment	7,200	7,500	6,200	6,500	7,300	6,000	26,900	25,300	23,100
Percent Unemployed	8.8%	9.2%	7.6%	5.6%	6.3%	5.2%	17.7%	16.8%	15.8%
Total Employment ++	74,200	73,800	75,000	109,800	109,400	110,000	125,400	125,600	123,500
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	49,600	49,600	50,200	52,700	52,300	53,700	44,800	45,100	45,700
Total Unemployment	3,300	3,500	2,600	4,900	4,900	3,800	2,700	2,700	2,600
Percent Unemployed	6.7%	7.1%	5.2%	9.3%	9.4%	7.1%	6.0%	6.0%	5.7%
Total Employment ++	46,300	46,100	47,600	47,800	47,400	49,900	42,100	42,400	43,100
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	613,600	615,000	614,000	48,000	48,000	49,900	58,400	58,700	57,400
Total Unemployment	48,800	49,700	46,400	2,800	3,000	2,900	4,100	4,500	4,600
Percent Unemployed	8.0%	8.1%	7.6%	5.8%	6.3%	5.8%	7.0%	7.7%	8.0%
Total Employment ++	564,800	565,300	567,600	45,200	45,000	47,000	54,300	54,200	52,800
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	75,900	76,000	75,800	37,100	36,700	36,900	93,600	93,000	93,100
Total Unemployment	5,700	5,900	5,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	6,400	5,800	6,100
Percent Unemployed	7.5%	7.8%	7.1%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.8%	6.2%	6.6%
Total Employment ++	70,200	70,100	70,400	34,700	34,300	34,500	87,200	87,200	87,000
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,700	57,500	57,900				8,452.4	8,427.7	8,424.5
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,800	3,100				609.7	614.5	564.9
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	6.6%	5.4%				7.2%	7.3%	6.7%
Total Employment ++	54,000	53,700	54,800				7,842.7	7,813.2	7,859.6

+ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

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HOURS AND EARNiNGS IN TEXAS ✣

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	AUG.'89*	JULY'89	AUG.'88	AUG.'89*	JULY'89	AUG.'88	AUG.'89*	JULY'89	AUG.88
				FOR TEXAS					
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 419.63	$ 423.74	$ 414.50	41.1	41.3	41.7	$ 10.21	$10.26	$9.94
Durable Goods	418.37	417.96	414.96	41.3	41.3	42.0	10.13	10.12	9.88
Lumber & Wood Products	284.31	280.67	291.31	40.5	40.5	40.8	7.02	6.93	7.14
Furniture & Fixtures	262.68	259.08	275.63	38.8	38.1	41.2	6.77	6.80	6.69
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	397.80	404.27	400.10	42.5	42.6	42.7	9.36	9.49	9.37
Primary Metal Industries	464.45	463.86	442.26	42.3	42.4	42.2	10.98	10.94	10.48
Fabricated Metal Products	385.71	385.35	388.80	42.2	42.3	43.2	9.14	9.11	9.00
Machinery, exc. Electric	414.88	413.41	433.13	41.2	41.3	43.4	10.07	10.01	9.98
Oil Field Machinery	481.00	494.80	496.75	43.1	44.1	45.2	11.16	11.22	10.99
Electric & Electronic Equip.	450.60	455.54	439.70	39.7	40.1	40.6	11.35	11.36	10.83
Transportation Equipment	555.02	553.98	538.90	42.4	42.0	42.4	13.09	13.19	12.71
Instruments & Related Prod.	393.38	391.31	382.40	40.1	40.3	40.0	9.81	9.71	9.56
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	288.56	288.29	263.71	39.1	39.6	37.3	7.38	7.28	7.07
Nondurable Goods	422.30	431.39	414.83	41.0	41.4	41.4	10.30	10.42	10.02
Food & Kindred Products	349.87	352.38	347.19	41.8	42.1	42.6	8.37	8.37	8.15
Meat Products	273.61	270.22	262.50	41.9	41.7	41.8	6.53	6.48	6.28
Malt Beverages	828.74	850.64	781.45	44.7	44.7	44.1	18.54	19.03	17.72
Textile Mill Products	349.44	330.24	331.38	43.9	43.0	44.6	7.96	7.68	7.43
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	197.78	199.18	199.40	36.9	37.3	38.2	5.36	5.34	5.22
Paper & Allied Products	485.14	493.89	471.09	43.2	43.4	43.7	11.23	11.38	10.78
Printing & Publishing	395.14	402.36	393.28	38.4	38.8	38.9	10.29	10.37	10.11
Chemicals & Allied Products	681.84	710.57	648.19	43.1	44.3	41.9	15.82	16.04	15.47
Petroleum & Coal Products	693.24	735.07	691.08	43.6	45.6	44.3	15.90	16.12	15.60
Petroleum Refining	719.49	763.34	715.88	43.5	45.6	44.0	16.54	16.74	16.27
Leather & Leather Products	240.77	237.84	231.08	39.6	38.3	39.1	6.08	6.21	5.91
Other Nondurable Goods	396.18	388.03	401.82	42.6	41.5	43.3	9.30	9.35	9.28
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	510.23	526.68	484.31	39.4	39.9	38.9	12.95	13.20	12.45
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	568.57	566.43	541.49	47.9	47.4	46.4	11.87	11.95	11.67
Oil & Gas Extraction	507.26	524.02	480.38	38.9	39.4	38.4	13.04	13.30	12.51
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	522.40	530.64	496.96	40.0	40.6	39.1	13.06	13.07	12.71
Elec., Gas & San. Services	517.30	516.78	462.81	40.7	40.5	38.6	12.71	12.76	11.99
Wholesale & Retail Trade	236.88	241.09	230.91	32.9	33.3	32.8	7.20	7.24	7.04
Wholesale Trade	413.70	420.80	393.67	39.4	40.0	38.9	10.50	10.52	10.12
Retail Trade	183.83	186.86	181.97	31.0	31.3	31.0	5.93	5.97	5.87
General Merchandise Stores	184.22	186.64	177.89	30.2	30.9	30.1	6.10	6.04	5.91
Banking	270.84	293.72	260.63	37.0	39.8	35.9	7.32	7.38	7.26

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 428.40	$ 422.50	$ 414.24	42.0	41.3	41.8	$ 10.20	$ 10.23	9.91
Durable Goods	462.46	452.10	432.02	42.9	41.9	41.5	10.78	10.79	10.41
Nondurable Goods	371.68	375.72	384.51	40.4	40.4	42.3	9.20	9.30	9.09
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	441.45	445.79	440.91	40.5	40.6	41.4	10.90	10.98	10.65
Durable Goods	462.18	466.83	458.85	40.4	40.7	41.6	11.44	11.47	11.03
Nondurable Goods	394.28	395.75	396.58	40.9	40.3	40.8	9.64	9.82	9.72
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	518.52	520.65	498.78	43.5	43.9	43.6	11.92	11.86	11.44
Durable Goods	435.49	428.12	431.21	43.9	44.0	44.5	9.92	9.73	9.69
Nondurable Goods	620.06	631.90	580.03	43.0	43.7	42.4	14.42	14.46	13.68
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	303.11	301.20	298.75	40.2	40.0	40.1	7.54	7.53	7.45
Durable Goods	340.29	325.44	321.93	40.9	39.4	39.5	8.32	8.26	8.15
Nondurable Goods	270.86	279.45	279.20	39.6	40.5	40.7	6.84	6.90	6.86

✣Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

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In 1988, three Durable Goods sectors generated the bulk of the growth—Fabricated Metal Products, Nonelectrical Machinery, and Transportation Equipment. Thus far in 1989, none of these industries has recorded notable increases. Durable Goods has created only 1,300 jobs between January and August 1989.

In fact, this year those gains which have occurred in Manufacturing have been centered in the **Nondurable Goods** sector, which has expanded by over 5,000 jobs between January and August 1989. Three industry groups have provided most of this growth—Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products, Chemicals and Allied Products, and Other Nondurable Goods.

Between July and August 1989, however, neither sector of Manufacturing has performed well, as Durable Goods continued to lose jobs and Nondurable Goods registered a gain of only 400. In the Durable Goods category, 1,700 jobs were deleted over the month, leaving this sector up by only 600 over the year. The largest decline occurred in Fabricated Metal Industries, which declined by 900 due to fairly widespread staff reductions. Smaller losses were recorded in Nonelectrical Machinery and in Electric and Electronic Equipment.

The only upturns within Durable Goods were in Furniture and Fixtures, Primary Metal Industries, and Transportation Equipment; and all of these were modest increases.

The growth in Nondurable Goods was primarily due to the gain of 800 jobs in Food and Kindred Products, as workers were hired or recalled in most sectors. Partially nullifying that increase were smaller losses in Printing and Publishing and in Chemicals and Allied Products.

Hours and Earnings Dip Over Month

Both Average Weekly Hours and Average Hourly Earnings declined moderately between July and August for the estimated 630,200 Manufacturing Production Workers in Texas. The number of Production Workers rose by 700 over the month and was up 8,800 over the year.

In mid-August, the average worker was earning $10.21 an hour for a 41.1-hour work week. Average Weekly Earnings for August were $419.63, down $4.11 from July. Average Weekly Hours declined by 0.2 hour over the month, while Average Hourly Earnings dropped by 5¢.

Compared to a year ago, Average Weekly Hours had declined by 0.6 hour, but Average Hourly Earnings had risen by 27¢, pushing Average Weekly Earnings up by $5.13 between August 1988 and August 1989.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	AUG. '89	AUG. '88
Total Population	16,906,000*	16,846,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	1.6
UI Covered Employers	308,789	311,425
Total Claims Actions	570,492	547,055
Total Initial Claims Actions	62,551	61,515
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	507,941	485,540
Total Placements	38,615	38,784
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$153.54	$150.76
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$63,357,573	$64,005,905

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

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